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**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026**  
**Third Semester**  
**M.A. History**  
**M21HS04DE – Caste and Social Exclusion in India**  
**(2024 July admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. To which language does the term “Casta” belong.
2. Name the proponent of the racial theory on the origin of caste in India.
3. Who authored “Homo Hierarchicus”?
4. Which agitation secured for the women the right to cover their upper body in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?
5. Who is considered the propounder of the concept of Intersectionality?
6. Who considered caste as a system of “graded Inequality”?
7. Name the term coined out by Gandhi to refer to the Depressed Classes.
8. Which intersectional concept did Uma Chakravarthi develop to refer to the caste and gender expression of women in India.
9. Which Sukta of Rigveda speaks about the four-fold caste system.
10. Name the landlords of Deccan region in the medieval and colonial periods.
11. Name the socio-economic system that existed in rural India that governed the relationship between various castes based on hereditary occupations and service obligations.
12. What is the main idea of Bhakti movement?
13. What is “Virutti”?
14. Who found Sathyashodhak Samaj?
15. Name the author of the work “What Gandhi and Congress have done to the Untouchables”.

**(1X10=10)**

**Section B**

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. Write a note on the Orientalist interpretations of caste.
17. Give a brief sketch of Ambedkar’s views on the origin of Caste.
18. Write a note on Vaikom Sathyagraha.

19. What is Bonded Labour?
20. Write a note on the constitutional provisions for the protection of the Untouchables of India.
21. Outline the parallels highlighted by Christopher Florio between the Dalits of India and the enslaved of South America.
22. Describe the role of endogamy in the perpetuation of caste in India.
23. Define Vishti.
24. What is Self-respect Movement?
25. Write a note on Adi-Hindu Movement.

**(2X5=10)**

### **Section C**

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

26. Distinguish between Varna and Jati.
27. Make a critical evaluation of the “Occupational theory of the” origin of caste.
28. Assess the impact of the Census on the caste system in India.
29. Write a short essay on the ideological framework that legitimizes caste discrimination in Ancient India.
30. Analyze the role of Caste in shaping contemporary politics in India.
31. Analyze the relationship between caste and class in shaping rural social hierarchy.
32. Explain how colonialism strengthened caste structures in India.
33. Write a short essay on the work and activities of Poykayil Appachan.

**(4X5=20)**

### **Section D**

**Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

34. Make a critical evaluation of the views expressed on caste in the work “Homo Hierarchicus”.
35. Compare and contrast the views of Ambedkar and Gandhi on the abolition of Caste.
36. Examine to what extent Bhaktism and Sufism contributed towards weakening of Caste hierarchies in India.
37. Examine how the caste dynamics has influenced labour exploitation in rural India.
38. Write an essay on the the struggles undertaken by Ayyankali towards the betterment of the oppressed classes.
39. Write an essay on the social and political philosophy of Jyotiba Phule.

**(10X3=30)**