

MPL-627

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M.Phil. DEGREE EXAMINATION – JUNE 2006.

History

SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARIES OF INDIA

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 75

PART A — (3 × 5 = 15 marks)

Answer any THREE questions  
in not exceeding 1 page each.

1. Trace the origin of caste system in India.
2. State the objectives of Satya Shodak Samaj.
3. Briefly examine the caste tyranny prevalent in Kerala in the 19th century.
4. Why did B.R. Ambedkar embrace Buddhism?
5. Trace the circumstances leading to the launch of self respect movement.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer any FOUR questions in essay form.

6. Describe the social condition in India on the eve of the British conquest.
7. Critically examine the principles and work of Jyotirao Phule.
8. Evaluate the services of Narayana Guru for the uplift of oppressed communities.
9. Give a brief sketch of the life and work of B.R. Ambedkar.
10. Examine in detail the egalitarian ideals of B.R. Ambedkar.
11. 'Dravida Khazhaghm' is purely a social reform movement — Discuss.
12. Estimate Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy as a champion of women's rights.