



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2016

PL 3951 – INDIAN TRIBAL PHILOSOPHY

Date : 02/11/2016

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 09:30-12:30

PART A

Answer the following (6 x 6=36)

1. Explain the terms tribe, caste and race.
2. What is tribal exogamy and endogamy? Explain with reference to creation myths.
3. Describe “dhumkuria” (youth dormitory) and highlight its socio-cultural significance.
4. Highlight the social significance of “Baena” (reserve-respect relationship).
5. Comment on the meaning of Supreme Being, Benevolent and Malevolent Spirits.
6. Briefly explain the meaning of the following tribal sayings:

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| a) “The Sarhul and Phagua are gone.” | b) “You will witness your father’s wedding.” |
| c) “Vultures invariably fall for the carcass.” | d) “A dog cannot digest ghee.” |
| e) “An ox habitually goes to lick the oil press.” | |
| f) “If you drink a solitary leaf-cup, the cow will butt at you.” | |

PART-B

Answer the following questions: (16 X 4 = 64 marks)

7. A. Give a comprehensive understanding of “worldview” and analyze the worldview presented by Manjulika Ghosh. **(16Marks)**
OR
B. Give an exposition of the Tribal Worldview of the Cosmotheandric Harmony. **(16Marks)**
8. A. Highlight the features of tribal creation myths. Derive at least five commands. **(16 Marks)**
OR
B. By evaluating the Apollonian and Dionysian approaches, how does Johnson P. affirm the ‘philosophizing of Tribals’ par *excellence*? **(16 Marks)**
9. A. What are the characteristic features of a Tribe? Give an exposition of the community-centered Tribal Morality. **(16 Marks)**
OR
B. Briefly describe ‘Chhatti’ and Name-Giving ceremony and highlight its socio-religious significance. **(08 Marks)**
C. “The celebration of “Sarhul” festival has social, economic and religious significance. Discuss. **(8 Marks)**
10. A. Give an exposition of the tribal view of the Supreme Being. **(16Marks)**
OR
B. Explain the symbolism of “DandaKatta” as a ceremony performed purely in honour of the Supreme Being. **(16Marks)**
