

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2009

EL 5401 - INDIAN FOLKLORE

Date & Time: 12/11/2009 / 9:00 - 12:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

I Write short notes on any FIVE of the following oral genres:

(5x4 = 20)

01. Silambaattam
02. Urumiaatam
03. Devaraattam
04. Snake Dance
05. Bommaalaattam
06. Folktale
07. Folk Dance
08. Lullaby

II Answer in paragraphs any FOUR of the following in not less than 150 words. (4x10 = 40)

09. Temple festival without Karagattam is unimaginable – Do you agree?
10. Therukoothu, Kaavadi aatam, Oyil aatam, Poikkal Kudirai and Villupattu are traditional folk forms of our culture. Could you explain each of these?
11. Birth of the first child after marriage in particular is a great event in any household. State the reasons for it?
12. Define folklore and the characteristics of the same.
13. What are the popular folk songs which are prevalent in our state?

III Attempt an essay on any TWO of the following in 300- 500 words each: (2x20 = 40)

15. The different beliefs and superstitions are governing every aspect of life from birth to death. Substantiate this statement?
16. The fairs and festivals have gained popularity in recent times in our Tamil tradition. Substantiate your answers?
17. What are the major characteristics of Indian folk music?
18. What are the popular musical instrument and how are they classified?
