



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY**

**THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2016**

**PL 3950 – SAIVA SIDDHANTA**

Date: 02-11-2016  
Time: 09:30-12:30

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART A**

**Answer the following (6 x 6=36)**

1. Is Saivism a Dravidian religion? Explain.
2. Explain the relation between Kashmir Saivism and Advaita.
3. Define any one of the three *padarthas* of Saiva Siddhanta.
4. Explain the following concepts: *Malaparipaka* and *aktinipata*.
5. What is *sopana* according to Siddhanta philosophy?
6. Transliterate and translate *stanzas 1 and 7 of Sivajna Nabodham*.

**PART-B**

**Answer the following questions (4 x 16 =64)**

7. A) Specify Meykara's contribution to the growth of Saiva Siddhanta tradition. **08 Marks**  
B) Transliterate the Special Introductory verse of *Sivajna Nabodham*. **08 Marks**  
**OR**  
C) Define the philosophical conviction of 'pluralistic realism' of Saiva Siddhanta. **16 Marks**
8. A) Give a biographical detail of Sivajna Namunivar. **08 Marks**  
B) Explain *tulurundatiNyaya* as explained in *Sivajna Namunivar*. **08 Marks**  
**OR**  
C) Define and distinguish *podu* and *ciappu* according to *Sivajna Namunivar*. **16 Marks**
9. A) Trace the historical roots of Saiva Siddhanta. **16 Marks**  
**OR**  
B) Elaborate the worldview of Saiva Siddhanta against the background of the *Munivaram*. **16 Marks**
10. A) Point out the *sadasat* characters of the *padarthas* explained *stanzas* seven of *Sivajna Nabodham*. **16 Marks**  
**OR**  
B) Compare and contrast *Iruvinaiooppu* with the Ignatian Equanimity. **16 Marks**