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U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ALLIED
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USO 4401 – SOCIAL INEQUALITIES



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the Questions (10 x 1 = 10)	
1. True or False	
a)	Social stratification is created and maintained through power and privilege.
b)	Social and economic inequality are not dependent on each other.
c)	Gender inequality refers to distinct social roles attributed to men and women resulting in unfavorable situation for any one group.
d)	Race is typically associated with cultural factors, while ethnicity is associated with physical differences.
e)	In India, caste is not determined by birth.
2. Definitions	
a)	Social stratification
b)	Gender inequality
c)	Race
d)	Caste
e)	Social inequality

SECTION A - K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the Questions (10 x 1 = 10)	
3. Match the following	
a)	E.V.R. Periyar - The Me Too Movement
b)	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar - Anti-apartheid movement
c)	Martin Luther King - Dalit movement
d)	Nelson Mandela - Self-respect movement
e)	Tarane Burke - Civil Rights movement.
4. Answer the following	
a)	Give two examples of social stratification.
b)	Mention two causes of gender inequality.
c)	What is institutional racism?
d)	What is ethnocentrism?
e)	What are the four traditional varnas in the caste system?

SECTION B - K3 (CO2)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)	
5.	Write a note on Pakulski and Waters notion on 'The Death of Class'.
6.	Describe how social institutions like family and education reinforce gender inequality.
7.	Is race a biological reality or a social construct? Argue with examples.
8.	Does individual resistance to caste discrimination lead to meaningful social change? Substantiate

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)**

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| 9. | Explain the key differences and similarities between caste and class system. |
| 10. | Explain how gender roles are socially constructed that contributes to gender inequality. |
| 11. | Analyse the role of colonialism in shaping racial hierarchies in India. |
| 12. | Explain the socio-historical origin of caste system. |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 13. | Apply Marxist and Structural Functionalist perspectives to explain social stratification. |
| 14. | Assess the effectiveness of laws and policies aimed at reducing gender inequality. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 15. | Develop a framework for addressing racism and casteism in a multicultural society like India. |
| 16. | Imagine an alternative social structure where caste does not exist. How would Indian society function differently. |
