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B.A. – SOCIAL SCIENCES

EXAMINATION: DECEMBER - 2025

THIRD YEAR

SEMESTER – V

Sub: Society through Literature (Part-I) (HDSE-504)

Date: 15/12/2025

Total marks: 100

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Instructions: Attempt all questions.

Q.1. Answer in detail (Any Two) (40)

1. Analyze the socio-political and economic conditions in India before Mahatma Gandhi's emergence as a leader.
2. "A true reformer does not start with a blank slate; rather, their role is to complete an unfinished thought." Explain this statement in the context of social reforms in India.
3. What methods did the Aryans employ to dominate the indigenous people of India, according to Jyotirao Phule?
4. Examine the criticisms directed at the reform movements of the 19th century. Based on this critique, discuss Justice Mahadev Govind Ranade's ethical perspective on social reform.

Q.2. Answer in brief (Any Three) (30)

1. Why did the government's developmental policies fail in M. N. Srinivas' *The Changing Village*?
2. Explain Lokmanya Tilak's views on British policies and the impact of colonial rule on India.
3. What were the key reasons behind the failure of government development policies in India?
4. Discuss the moderate political demands proposed by Gopal Krishna Gokhale for India's reconstruction.
5. What were Mahatma Gandhi's views on gender equality and the role of women in society?

Q.3. Write short notes (Any Two) (30)

1. The vulnerability of the Indian middle class under British rule
2. The significance of self-sacrifice in the Indian National Congress
3. India's contributions during World War I
4. Gopal Krishna Gokhale's admiration for India's rich cultural and historical legacy