



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

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ENGLISH LITERATURE**

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

**EL 5505 - LITERATURE OF THE CHALLENGED**

Date : 07/11/2015

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 09:00-12:00

**Answer the following in about 300 words each:**

**(5x20=100 marks)**

1. Give an example of racial discrimination hinted at by Lorenzo in his last address in Act II, Scene 4. of 'The Merchant of Venice'.

(OR)

What specific acts of injustice against African Americans which Martin Luther King cites in his speech 'I Have a Dream'?

2. Does untouchability still exist in India? Discuss with reference to the novel 'Untouchable' by Mulk Raj Anand.

(OR)

How 'Sangati' does seeks to create a Dalit- Feminist perspective and explores the impact of a number of discriminations compounded by poverty suffered by Dalit Women?

3. Attempt an essay on the marginalization of women as narrated by Shashi Deshpande in "Telling our own Stories".

(OR)

Do you agree that we are a nation of 'Daughter Killers' with special reference to the scientific elimination of female foetus? Give reasons.

4. Comment on the cyclical nature of Racism and Sexism in Alice Walker's novel 'The Color Purple'.

(OR)

How does 'Oorkali' deal with the issues of caste, oppression, marginality and untouchability?

5. Discuss the theme of racism as an obstacle to 'Individual Identity' in 'Invisible Man' by Ralph Ellison.

(OR)

How do Indian myths reinforce gender stereotypes with special reference to Chitra Divakaruni Banerjee's 'Palace of Illusions'?

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