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Department of Research & Development
Mid - Term Examinations - SEPTEMBER 2024

Odd Semester: Ph.D. Course Work	**Date**: 27/09/2024
Course Code: ENG891	**Time**: 10:00am – 11:30am
Course Name: Contemporary Indian Society and Culture	**Max Marks**: 50
Department: Languages	**Weightage**: 25%

Instructions:

(i) *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*

(ii) *Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.*

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 5 marks.		4Qx5M=20M
1	Explain how the caste system in modern India has evolved in the context of globalization and modernization. You are expected to discuss the changes in social hierarchy, economic opportunities, and inter-caste relationships.	**5 Marks**
2	How have class dynamics in Indian society contributed to economic disparities? Focus on the intersection of economic factors, education, and employment in shaping class structures.	**5 Marks**
3	In what ways has the Indian diaspora influenced contemporary Indian culture? Consider aspects like cultural exchange, economic contributions, and the global spread of Indian traditions.	**5 Marks**
4	What are the key challenges faced by Indian society in redefining traditional gender roles due to modernization and globalization?	**5 Marks**

Part B

Answer ALL Questions. Each question carries 15 marks.		2QX15M=30M
5	Critically analyze the impact of globalization on India's cultural practices and social structures. Examine changes in traditional cultural practices, effects on social hierarchies, and the balance between modernization and cultural preservation. Discuss both positive and negative consequences, providing relevant examples	**15 Marks**
6	Discuss the interplay between religious diversity and secularism in shaping modern Indian society. Explore how various religious groups coexist in India, the challenges secularism faces in contemporary society, and the influence of political, social, and economic factors on this dynamic. Use specific incidents or policies to illustrate your arguments.	**15 Marks**