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**M. A. IN PHILOSOPHY
PROGRAMME (MAPY)
Term-End Examination
June, 2026**

MPYE-012 : TRIBAL PHILOSOPHY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answer to question nos. 1 and 2
should be in about **500** words each.

1. Bring out the salient philosophical aspects of tribal cosmogonies and cosmologies. 20

Or

What is the significance of the concept of 'Interconnectedness' in tribal way of life ?
Explain. 20

2. Can tribal resistance and revolutions against non-tribal foreign powers be conceptualized as a resistance and revolution against hegemonic exploitative forces which threatened tribal identity ? Explain. 20

Or

Bring out the salient features of the beliefs systems, religious practices and symbolism of tribals. 20

3. Answer any *two* of the following in about **250** words each :

- (a) Explain the salient features of Tana Bhagat movement. 10
- (b) What insights about the aesthetic sense of tribals can be gained from their dance forms ? Explain. 10
- (c) Discuss how tribal social organizations give us a glimpse into the democratic and participative nature of the tribal way of life. 10

- (d) What are the core human and moral value of the tribal worldview ? Explain.

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4. Answer any *four* of the following in about **150** words each :

- (a) Briefly discuss the Great Santhal Insurrection of 1855-57. 5
- (b) Briefly discuss the significance of socio-cultural celebrations of adivasis in agrarian communities. 5
- (c) Discuss briefly the significance of symbols in tribal way of life. 5
- (d) What significance does ancestral worship hold in tribal way of life ? Explain briefly. 5
- (e) Discuss briefly the significance of ethnobotany in tribal world view. 5
- (f) What are the factors that threaten tribal identity ? Discuss briefly. 5

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :

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| (a) Dandakatta | 4 |
| (b) Budhu Bhagat and his revolt | 4 |
| (c) Birsa movement | 4 |
| (d) Significance of Tattooing in tribals | 4 |
| (e) Folk medicine | 4 |
| (f) Relation of tribals with their land | 4 |
| (g) Storytelling in tribals | 4 |
| (h) Problem of migration and displacement
faced by tribals | 4 |

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