

**Fourth Semester FYUGP Degree (Reg) Examination April
2026**

KU4VACFNG204 - CASTE AND POPULAR CULTURE

2024 Admission onwards

Time : 1.5 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Section A

Answer any 6 questions. Each carry 2 marks.

1. What is the meaning of the term elite?
2. What is the original meaning of the term 'Dalit'?
3. Name the text and the chapter in which the earliest reference to the Varna can be seen.
4. What is the occupation assigned to the Sudras according the Varna system?
5. Who wrote 'Annihilation of Caste'?
6. Who wrote the story 'Madness'?
7. Point out the major theme discussed in 'Sairat'
8. Who wrote the story titled 'Rudali'?

Section B

Answer any 4 questions. Each carry 6 marks.

9. Write a note on the Marxist views of caste system
10. Write a note on the subaltern perspective of caste system
11. Comment on the role of the researcher in 'Eri'
12. Elaborate the contextual significance of the title 'Puzhu'
13. Analyse the role of the dog, Karuppi, in the film, 'Pariyerum Perumal'
14. Discuss the motives of honour killing with reference to 'Sairat' and 'Oor Iravu'

Section C

Answer any 1 questions. Each carry 14 marks.

15. Indian cinema is witnessing a shift from ignoring caste to directly challenging it - substantiate
16. Rituals related to birth, marriage, death ...etc are integral to the formation and maintenance of the system of caste- substantiate with reference to any prescribed text.