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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
DECEMBER / JANUARY-2006**

**Branch – SOCIOLOGY**

**SO 212 – SOCIAL STRUCTURE IN INDIA**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Max. Marks 75**

*Answer any Five questions. Each answer carries 15 marks.  
Each answer should be limited to 1000 words.*

1. Describe the racial and linguistic composition of Indian population.
2. Bring out the regional differences found in marriage patterns.
3. Explain the systems of descent and alliance in kinship.
4. Discuss varna as root of caste system.
5. How does a caste group function as a pressure group? Discuss.
6. Bring out the ideological differences between Gandhi and Ambedkar on liberation of Dalits.
7. Examine the contributions of little tradition – great tradition approach to the study of social change in India.
8. “Nationalism and secularism go hand in hand in making India stronger” – Discuss.