

**M.A. Examination, 2022**  
**Semester – I**  
**Comparative Religion**  
**Course: MACOMRCP 102**  
**History of Comparative Religion**

Answer **any four** questions

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

1. Were the attitude of the ancient Greeks and the attitude of the medieval Europeans different towards the study of religions? Explain in detail. 15
2. Describe, with suitable examples, the impact of sea voyages and advancements in archeology on modern Europe's understanding of religions. 15
3. Discuss at least three developments in the nineteenth century that led to the establishment of 'Science of Religion'. 15
4. Define the theory of evolution. In what ways was this theory relevant for the study of religions in general? Discuss with reference to the contribution of Herbert Spencer. 2+13 = 15
5. Is there any correlation between Comparative Study of Religions and Dialogue of Religions? Give your detailed view on the matter. 15
6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following; 7.5+7.5=15
  - a. Fredrich Max Muller
  - b. The age of Reason
  - c. The age of Romantic Revival
  - d. Indo-European studies



**M.A. EXAMINATION 2022  
SEMESTER-I  
COMPARATIVE RELIGION  
COURSE: MACOMRCP104  
(Different Methods of Study of Religion)**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**FULL MARKS: 60**

**Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.  
Answer any four questions.**

1. Write an introductory note on the discipline of Psychology of Religion. 15
2. Discuss Edward Tylor's contributions to Anthropology of Religion. 15
3. Explain Clifford Geertz's definition of religion. 15
4. Discuss the characteristics of mystical experience, according to William James. 15
5. Explain the difference between Freudian and Jungian approach to religion. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5=15
  - a. The Future of an Illusion
  - b. Persona and Shadow
  - c. James Frazer on religion
  - d. Qualities of Saintliness



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SEMESTER-I  
COMPARATIVE RELIGION  
COURSE: MACOMRCP101  
(Phenomenon of Religion)**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**FULL MARKS: 60**

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Answer any four questions.

1. Discuss the Greek and Roman understanding of the term 'religio' in the pre-Christian era. 15
2. How is faith expressed through art, community, and character? Explain with examples. 5+5+5=15
3. What meanings were added to the term 'religion' during the Reformation period? Discuss in detail. 15
4. Is the Buddhist term 'dharma/dhamma' equal to the modern western term 'religion'? Explain in detail. 15
5. Discuss the historico-geographical issues related to the definition of religion. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5=15
  - a. Manichaeism
  - b. Observer vs Participant
  - c. Cumulative tradition
  - d. 'vera religio' and 'falsa religio'



**M. A. Final Examination - 2022**

**Semester - I**

**Comparative Religion**

**Paper: MACOMRCP103 – Sociology of Religion**

**Duration: 3 Hrs.**

**Max. Marks: 60**

**Questions are of value as indicated in the margin**

**Answer any FOUR of the following questions;**

1. How does Marx conceive religious sentiment as a social product? Explain it with reference to Marx's critique of Feuerbach's materialism. (15)
  2. How does religion makes the human suffering as sufferable? Elucidate following Marx's *Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*. (15)
  3. Why the notions of god and supernatural cannot explain the definition of religion? Explain after Durkheim. (7.5+7.5)
  4. Explain the theory of animism as proposed by Tyler and the criticisms of Durkheim against it. (10+5)
  5. Write an essay on "the raise of religion" and "religion of non-privileged classes" as described by Max Weber. (7.5 + 7.5)
  6. Write a short note on the followings;
    - i. Sociology & Religion
    - ii. Religion of Peasantry
    - iii. Middle-class & Religion
    - iv. Asceticism
    - v. Mysticism(5 X 3 = 15)
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