

**M.A. EXAMINATION 2022
SEMESTER-II
COMPARATIVE RELIGION
COURSE: MACOMRCP201
(RITUAL STUDIES)**

TIME: 3 HOURS

FULL MARKS: 60

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

1. How is ritual different from non-ritual? Explain with examples. 15
2. Discuss the qualities of a ritual specialist. 15
3. How could ritual be understood as a text? Explain after Paul Ricoeur. 15
4. Analyse Stanley Tambiah's 'Performance theory'. 15
5. Discuss the relationship between ritual and power. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5=15
 - a. Ritual failure
 - b. Ethos and Worldview
 - c. Ritual body
 - d. Durkheim's four theses

M. A. Comparative Religion Examination, 2022
Semester – II

Paper: Philosophy of Religion (Advanced)

Time: 3 Hours

MACOMRCP 202

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value or as indicated in the margin

Answer any 4 questions

1. Explain in detail the phenomenology of religion as discussed in overview and how are they useful in the field of comparative study of religion? 7+8
7.5+7.5
2. Compare and contrast the phenomenology of philosophy and phenomenology of religion. 8+7
3. Describe the methods and types of phenomenology and critically evaluate them in the light of religious experience and consciousness. 8+7
4. What does Kierkegaard understand by truth? Why does he claim that objective truths do not concern the existing individual? Explain. 15
5. Write a short essay on Nietzsche's critique of morality as found in his late work *On the Genealogy of Morality*. 15
6. Discuss why the ontotheological interpretation is often seen as a more accurate assessment than the secularization thesis of what Nietzsche meant by "God is dead."

M. A. Final Examination - 2022

Semester - II

Comparative Religion

Paper: CC -204 – Methodology, Textual Study & Dissertation

Duration: 2 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 20

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any FOUR of the following questions;

1. Briefly explain different methods of research and how are they used in the research of religious studies? 2.5 + 2.5

2. Elucidate the review of literature and how is it important in the process of research? 2.5 + 2.5

3. What is foot note and bibliography? Give an example of bibliography for sole authored book in Chicago model. 3 + 2

4. Describe different steps of report writing as discussed in the research methodology. 5

5. Highlight the major discussions of C. R. Kothari in his text book and how will it be used in the religious research? 3 + 2

6. Write a short note on any TWO of the followings;
 - a. Theoretical Research
 - b. Qualitative Research
 - c. Plagiarism
 - d. Note-taking2.5 + 2.5

M.A. Examination, 2022
Semester II
Comparative Religion
Course: MACOMRSP-403
Religion in the Contemporary World

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any four questions.

1. Give a brief account of the Mohd. Ahmed Khan Vs Shah Bano Begum case of 1985. What main impact did it make on the democratic set up of India? What is the best way to deal with the challenges posed by implications of the case? Explain. 15
2. What is the Gandhian notion of the relation between religion and politics? Is it appropriate to call him the father of Indian Secularism? Justify your answer. 15
3. What do you understand by the term 'Secularization'? Do you think that Secularism is a prerequisite for the secularization of a society? Give reasons for your answer with suitable examples. 15
4. Write a short essay on the historical development of the notion of Indian Secularism. Did the 'Hindutva' judgement (1996) of Justice Verma contribute to its further development? Justify your answer. 15
5. Why does T. N. Madan think that Secularism is not a proper ideology for a country like India? Do you agree with him? Justify your answer. 15
6. What are the arguments given by Ashish Nandy against Secularism in his 'Anti Secularist Manifesto'? What are the main objections raised against his position? Explain. 15