

**M. A. Final Examination - 2023**

**Semester - II**

**Comparative Religion**

**MACOMRCP - 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. What is research? Explain briefly the importance of research. 2 + 3
  2. Enumerate the major types of research and describe briefly any one of them. 2 + 3
  3. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative researches. 2.5 + 2.5
  4. What is Foot Note and End Note? Give an example for a sole authored book Foot Note in Chicago Style. 2 + 3
  5. Illustrate a sole authored book Bibliography in both APA and Chicago styles. 2.5 + 2.5
  6. Briefly explain the method of sampling as described by C. R. Kothari. 5
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**MACOMRCP 203 – Religion in the Contemporary World**

**Duration: 3 Hrs.**

**Max. Marks: 60**

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

**Answer any FOUR of the following 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.  
7+3+5
  2. How does Gandhi understand the relation between religion and politics? Is it appropriate to call him the father of Indian Secularism? Justify your answer. 5+10
  3. What do you understand by the term 'Secularization'? Do you think that Secularism as a constitutional value is a prerequisite for the secularization of a society? Give reasons for your answer.  
5+10
  4. Account for 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.  
10+5
  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.  
10+5
  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.  
10+5
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**M. A. Comparative Religion Examination, 2023**  
**Semester – II**  
**Paper: MACOMRCP202: Philosophy of Religion (Advanced)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

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

**Answer any 4 questions**

1. Explain the relationship between philosophical phenomenology and phenomenology of religion. 15
2. Describe the methods and types of phenomenology and critically evaluate them in the light of religious experience and consciousness. 8+7
3. What does Kierkegaard mean by "existence"? How does he universalize his own experiences and struggles? Discuss. 5+10
4. Why does Kierkegaard characterize objective truth as "thought without a thinker" and subjective truth as "thought with a relation to a thinker"? Explain in detail. 7+8
5. Compare the ontotheological thesis with the secularization thesis with reference to Nietzsche's famous proclamation "God is dead." 15
6. Write short notes on any three of the following on their contribution to phenomenology; 5+5+5
  - a) Edmund Husserl
  - b) G. Van der Leeuw
  - c) Joachim Wach
  - d) Mircea Eliade
  - e) Rudolf Otto



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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. Discuss the basic characteristics of ritual. 15
2. What is the "window of ritual"? Discuss after Clifford Geertz. 15
3. When and why does a ritual fail? Explain the reasons with examples. 15
4. Explain the 'thought versus action' debate in ritual studies. 15
5. Discuss the four features of Practice. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5=15
  - a. Ritualization
  - b. Ritual and Power
  - c. Ideology
  - d. Ritual Specialists