

M.A. Examination, 2022
Semester IV
Comparative Religion
Course: MACOMRSP-403
The Bhagavad Gita (Modern Commentaries)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Describe the main purpose of the Bhagavadgīta following Vinoba Bhave. Does he agree with the view that Bhagavadgīta's message goes against the philosophy of non-violence? Explain. 15
 2. What are the characteristics of a *sthitaprajña*? Explain it following Radhakrishnan's commentary on the Bhagavadgītā. 15
 3. Give a brief account of the concept of *karmayoga* as interpreted by Vivekananda in his 'Gītā Prasanga'. What is the utility of practising *karmayoga*, according to him? Explain. 15
 4. What are the benefits of practising *niṣkāma-karma* according to Vinoba Bhave? Explain with examples. 15
 5. How does the '*Sāmkhyayoga*' *adhyāya* of the Bhagavadgīta describe the nature of Self? Answer following Radhakrishnan. 15
 6. Is a *sādhaka*'s physical body an obstacle on the path of practising *svadharma*? How can it be utilized for attaining *mokṣa*? Explain after Vinoba Bhave's 'Talks on the Gītā'. 15
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**M.A. EXAMINATION 2022
SEMESTER-IV
COMPARATIVE RELIGION
COURSE: MACOMRSP401
(ISLAM AND SUFISM-II)**

TIME: 3 HOURS

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Answer any four questions.**

1. Discuss in detail any two definitions of Sufism. 15
2. Explain the concept of *faqir*. 15
3. What are *maujizat* and *karamat*? Explain with examples. 15
4. Bring out the difference between *sukr* and *sahw*. 15
5. Explain briefly the various *hal* and *maqam* of the Sufi path. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5=15
 - a. Kinds of knowledge in Sufism
 - b. Difference between Sufis, Traditionists, and Jurists
 - c. Sufi manners concerning five pillars
 - d. The Muhasibis

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Semester-IV
Comparative Religion
Course: MACOMPROP405
Women and Religion-11

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 status of the Women in Hinduism during the Rig Vedic period. **15**
 2. Briefly examine the important factors responsible for shaping practices relating to gender among the Muslim community **15**
 3. Discuss briefly the status of women in the Sikh sacred literature (The Adi Granth). **15**
 4. What are the basic tenets of Tantric Buddhism? Discuss. **15**
 5. Account for the evolution of prominent Mother Goddesses worshipped in India. **15**
 6. Briefly examine the empirical and speculative elements related to the idea of Skakti in India. **15**
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M.A. Examination, 2022
Semester – IV
Comparative Religion
Course: MACOMROP 402 [Modern Religious Movements in India – II]

Answer any four questions

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

Time-3 Hours

Marks-60

1. Elaborate on Swami Dayananda's idea of God in contrast to the popular Hindu idea of God in his time. 15
2. Give an account of the division within the Arya Samaj after the death of Swami Dayananda and of the types of programmes each group had taken up. 15
3. Elucidate the educational activities of Arya Samaj and comment on its significance for the Indian society. 15
4. What was Swami Dayananda's view on caste division? Discuss about the programmes taken up by Arya Samaj for the upliftment of the depressed castes. Why would Bhimrao Ambedkar disagree to such programmes of upliftment for the Dalits? 3+8+4 = 15
5. What is *Navayana* Buddhism? Discuss the factors that led Ambedkar to ultimately choose the Buddhist religion for his Dalit community instead of Hinduism. 3+12=15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5 = 15
 - a) 'Back to the Vedas' – Swami Dayananda
 - b) Famine relief activities of Arya Samaj
 - c) The Five Yajnas of Arya Samaj
 - d) B.R. Ambedkar's views on anti-imperialist movement in India