

B. A (Honours) Examination, 2023

Semester-II

Comparative Religion

Course- C-03

Sikhism: Origin and Development

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Answer any four questions

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

1. Give a brief idea of the life and teachings of Guru Nanakdev. 15
2. Give an account of the tenth Guru of Sikhism and the formation of Khalsa army. 15
3. Do you think that the Sikh religion has been impacted by the Bhakti movement of India? Discuss. 15
4. Write a note on Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the founder of Sikh Empire. 15
5. Describe the nature of God according to Sikhism. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5
  - a) Guru Arjan Singh
  - b) Shiromoni Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee
  - c) Nirankari and Namdhari
  - d) The Akali movement



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Semester II

Comparative Religion

Course: CC-4

Jainism: Origin and Development

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any four questions.

- 1 Explain the Jaina notion of *jīva*? What is the most unique feature of this concept of *jīva*? Explain. 10+5=15
- 2 What is *anekāntavāda*? Is it related to *Syādvāda*? Give reasons for your answer. 10+5=15
- 3 What is the meaning of *kaivalya*, according to the Jainas? How can one attain *kaivalya* according to them? Explain. 15
- 4 Bring out the significance of the term '*saṃvara*' in Jaina religion. Distinguish between *bhāva-bandha* and *dravya-bandha*? What do the Jainas attempt to explain by means of the notion of *bhāva-bandha*? Discuss. 7+5+3=15
- 5 Give an account of the five 'great vows' of Jainism. Why were the 'small vows' later introduced by the Jainas in their religion? Explain. 10+5=15
- 6 Explain different categories of the *ajivas* admitted in Jainism. Which category among them is considered as *anastikāya* and why? Explain. 10+5=15