

Examination 2024- Four Year Undergraduate programme

Comparative Religion (Major)

Semester-II

Comparative Religion

Subject/ Paper {SECCR02}- Religion and Ethics

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of equal value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any four questions

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| 1. | Explain in some detail the relation between Religion and Morality. | 15 |
| 2. | What is virtue? State and explain the cardinal virtues with reference to the <i>Republic</i> . | 15 |
| 3. | Discuss fully the concept of value citing the distinction between instrumental value and intrinsic value. | 15 |
| 4. | Define Natural Law. Is Natural Law universally valid? Give reason to support your answer. | 15 |
| 5. | Briefly explain the major concepts of <i>Jivā</i> , <i>bandhan</i> , and <i>moksha</i> after Jainism. | 15 |
| 6. | What are the Four Noble Truths? Give a brief account on Eight-Fold Path as advocated by Buddha. | 15 |

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2024

Semester II

Comparative Religion

Course: MJCL04

Buddhism: Textual Study

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

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Answer any four questions.

1. Give a brief account of *Maitrī* as available in the discourse on *Brahmavihāra*. How it *Maitrī* related to *Karuṇā*? Explain. 10+10=20
2. Discuss the social background of Buddhism with its socio-economic and religious environment. 20
3. Explain the history behind the renunciation of Siddhartha Gautama and his attainment of enlightenment. 20
4. What is *Upekṣā*? Why is *Upekṣā* thought to be the crown and culmination of the other three *Brahmavihāras*? Analyse. 8+12=20
5. Explain the four Noble Truths with special reference to *Pratītyasamutpāda* and *Ārya Aṣṭāṅgika Mārga*. 20
6. Write short notes on: 10+10=20
 - (a) Buddhist conception of *Anāttā*.
 - (b) *Śūnyavāda* according to the Mādhyamika

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CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: HINDUISM
MJCR03
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1. Describe the Vedic concept of *dharma* and the connection between dharma and ritual (*yajna*) in detail. 20
2. What are *Kalpa sutras*? In this connection, discuss about the differences between the *Dharma Sutras* and the *Dharma Sastras*. 10+10
3. Explain the context-sensitivity of dharma in the Hindu tradition with special reference to *Raj Dharma*. 20
4. What are the four *ashramas* and their duties according to the Hindu tradition? Are all *varnas* of the Hindu society expected to follow ashrama duties? Discuss, following *Shanti Parva* of the Mahabharata. 15+5
5. Give an explanation of the different sources of dharma in the Hindu tradition. How was the concept of *dharma* transmitted in the society in ancient times? Discuss, following the Mahabharata. 10+10
6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 10+10
 - a) *Chaturvarga* (The four aims of life)
 - b) Duties of the *Brahmanas*
 - c) Duties of the different *varnas* during chaotic or dangerous social situations
 - d) Duties of the *Vaishyas* and the *Sudras*