

B.A. (Honours) Examination -2022

Semester-V

Comparative Religion

Course-(DSE-1)-Taoism-Textual Study

Time- Three Hours

Full Marks-60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions from the following.

1. What is Taoism? Give a short account of the origin and development of Taoism. 5+10=15
2. What are the fundamental beliefs and practices of Taoism? Discuss. 15
3. Give an account of the religious ceremonies and festivals of Taoism. 15
4. Why do Mountains are considered holy in Taoism? Write an explanatory note on the sacred mountains of Taoism. 5+10=15
5. Discuss critically the meditation techniques and purificatory rites of Taoism. 15
6. Write short note on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5+15
 - a) *Tao-te-ching*
 - b) *Shang-ti*
 - c) Notion of evil in Taoism

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Paper: DSE-2– Critique of Religion – I

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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Answer **any four** questions

1. To whom did Jotirao Phule dedicate his book *Gulamgiri*? Explain it in the context of the title and the sub-title of the book. 5+10
2. What does the word NāraSimha mean? Explain it with reference to Phule's narrative about Prahlad. 3+12
3. Why did Phule write an open letter to Parashurām? Elucidate it in the context of Phule's critique of the avatar of Parashurām. 5+10
4. How did the Buddhists come to be persecuted after the period of Shankaracharya, according to Phule? Explain in detail. 15
5. What were the social reformatory activities carried out by Phule and his wife with regard to education of Shudras and women? How did the British and native elites respond to it? Explain. 10+5
6. What were the pledges taken by Phule? How did the newspapers respond to it? Discuss. 9+6

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Paper: C - 11- Jainism: Textual Study

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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*Answer **any four** questions*

1. Explain in detail the concept of *Jiva*, *Ajiva*, *Asarva*, *Samvara* and *Nirjara* as described in the text book of the Heart of Jainism. 15
 2. What do you know about *Karma* in Jainism? Explain in detail the fourteen steps to liberation of soul as elucidated by Sinclair Stevenson. 5+10=15
 3. Describe "the Gods" as explained in the fourth chapter of *Tattvartha Sutra* of Umasvati. 15
 4. Elucidate the *Vratas* of *Jainism* from the seventh chapter of *Tattvartha Sutra*. How are they relevant to the contemporary society? Explain. 7.5+7.5=15
 5. Describe the argument and opinion of Jainas regarding the 'partaking of any food'. 15
 6. Who is the writer of the essay "Ahimsa: Jaina Way of Spiritual Discipline"? Briefly explain the Jaina theory of 'Ahimsa'. 2+13=15
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B. A. (Honours) Final Examination - 2022

Semester - V

Comparative Religion

Paper: C-12 - Sikhism: Textual Study

Duration: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 60

**Questions are of value as indicated in the margin
Answer any FOUR of the following questions**

1. Write an essay on the attributes of God as described in the *Moolmantra* of *Shri Guru Granth Sahib*. **15**
 2. Define the term *Japuji* and bring out its importance. Explain in detail any three *Pauris* of *Japuji*. **5 + 10**
 3. Give a brief description about the *Begampura* of Ravidas. How does it motivate the deprived people in the society? Explain with examples. **5 + 10**
 4. Elucidate the Idea of God, Freedom & Responsibility and Sikh Identity as described by Daljeet Singh. **15**
 5. How the relationship between Sikhism and Inter-religious dialogue is explained in the text book of essentials of Sikhism? **15**
 6. Write a short note on each of the following; **5 X 3 = 15**
 - a. *Ajooni* b. *Miri-Piri* c. *Naam* d. *Pauri* e. *Guru Nanak*
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