

B.A.(Honours) Examination, 2023

Semester-V

Comparative Religion

Course: DSE-1

Taoism- Textual Study

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer *any four* questions.

1. Who was Lao-tzu? What is the connection between Lao-tzu and Taoism? Discuss. 3+12
2. Describe the nature of *Yin* and *Yang* as the two complimentary principles of creation, according to Taoism. 15
3. Write a note on *the Tao* as the central philosophical concept of Taoism. 15
4. Give a brief account of the origin and development of Taoism in China. 15
5. Give a detailed account of the book *Tao-te-Ching* and its relevance in the Taoist philosophy. 15
6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: 7.5+7.5
 - a) Concept of Sage in Taoism
 - b) Taoist gods and goddesses
 - c) *Shang-ti*
 - d) *Wu-Wei*

B.A. (Honours) Examination -2023

Semester-V

Comparative Religion

Course- DSE-1(Special Text-Indian)

(The Religion of Man)

Time- Three Hours

Full Marks-60

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Answer *any four* questions from the following.

1. Explain the salient features of 'Religion' and 'Man' as articulated by Tagore in his Hibbert Lecture in 1930. Are there any components upheld against the institutional religions in this lecture? Give a reasoned answer. 6+6+3=15

2. Write notes on the categorical terms 'Man the Great', 'Man the Eternal', and 'Surplus in Man' as Tagore explained in 'The Religion of Man'. How can you differentiate his concept of 'Man' from any other typical humanist thoughts? 4+4+4+3=15

3. "There is a thematic interconnectedness in the chapters of 'The Religion of Man'". Demonstrate this interconnectedness taking the first three chapters as instances in defense of the comment. 15

4. Explain the notions, the "Man's Universe" and the "Creative Spirit", that Tagore used in his Hibbert-Lecture. 7.5+7.5=15

5. Do you find any justification for the incorporation of the chapters, 'The Baul Singers of Bengal' and 'A Conversation Between Einstein and Tagore' in the appendix of 'The Religion of Man'? Discuss critically. 7.5+7.5=15

6. When did 'The Religion of Man' appear as a book-form first and who was the publisher? Compare the first and second editions of the book keeping in mind the restructuring of its chapters. For Tagore, what was the role of 'Evolution' in attaining the idea of 'Man' as explained in 'The Religion of Man'? 2+ 5+ 8=15

BA (Honours) Examination, 2023

Semester – V
Comparative Religion
Course : CC – 11
Textual Study : Jainism

Time – 3 hours

Full Marks - 60

Answer any Four of the following :

1. Explain the concept of *Ahiṃsā* based on the *Ācārāṅgasūtra*. 15
2. Give a brief account of the Jain Canonical Literature. 15
3. Explain the dictum – ‘*samyakdarśana-jñāna-cāritrāṇimokṣamārgaḥ*’. 15
4. Write an explanatory note on the Asceticism as propounded in the *Daśavaikālikasūtra*. 15
5. What do you know about ‘*sattha-pariṇṇā*’? Explain. 15
6. Write short notes (any three) 15
 - (i) Druma-puṣpikā
 - (ii) Five great vows
 - (iii) Ardhamāgadhī language
 - (iv) Āsrava
 - (v) Time cycle

B. A. (Honours) Final Examination - 2023

Semester - V

Comparative Religion

Paper: CC-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. How does the *Moolmantra* of *Shri Guru Granth Sahib* describe the attributes of God? Explain. 15
 2. What is *Japuji*? Explain in some detail *Pauris* 1-3 and 35-37 of *Japuji*. 3 + 12
 3. Give a brief description on the *Begampura* of Ravidas and bring out its relevance to the contemporary society? 5 + 10
 4. How does Daljeet Singh explain the concepts of God, World and Human in his book on "The Sikh Ideology"? Explain. 15
 5. What is Nathism? How does Daljeet Singh compare Nathism with Sikhism? Explain. 3 + 12
 6. Write short notes on Any Three of the following: 3 X 5 = 15
 - a. *Ek Onkar*
 - b. *Sat Naam*
 - c. *Akaal Moorat*
 - d. *Ajooni*
 - e. *Saibhang*
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Semester – V

Comparative Religion

Paper: DSE-2– Critique of Religion – I

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any four questions.

1. What are the objectives of Phule in writing *Gulamgiri*? How do the events happening in America during the latter half of 19th century influence them? Explain. 10+5
2. How does Phule deconstruct the narrative of the origin of varnas through the use of modern biology and rationalism? Elucidate. 15
3. How did Baliraja administer his people, according to Phule? Why does Phule consider Jesus as Baliraja II? Briefly explain. 10+5
4. Give a brief outline of how the Shudras and Atishudras suffered under the bureaucracy of Bhats in the revenue department during the colonial period? Outline. 15
5. How did caste operate in the education department under the colonial rule? What were remedies provided by Phule regarding this? Explain. 10+5
6. How does Phule remember his boyhood as misled by propaganda? How did he emerge out of it? Discuss. 9+6