

B. A. (Honours) Examination, 2024

Semester – V (CBCS)

Comparative Religion

Paper: DSE-02: Critique of Religion – I

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any four questions.

1. To whom did Jyotirao Phule dedicate *Gulamgiri* and why? Why the eradication of slavery in India is more challenging? Explain after Jyotirao Phule. (7+8)
2. How does Jyotirao Phule challenge the origin narrative of the *varṇa* system using rationalism and modern biology? Explain. (15)
3. Explain the tools and methods used by *vipra/upadhyayas* to establish and perpetuate slavery. (15)
4. How does Jyotirao Phule portray Baliraja's administration? Why does he refer Jesus as Baliraja II? Elucidate. (7+8)
5. Discuss Jyotirao Phule's critique of avatars of Vishnu, as Narasimha, Parashuram, and Vamana, as tools for social oppression of *Shudras* and *Atishudras*. (5+5+5)
6. How did the caste system influence the functioning of the revenue and educational departments under colonial rule? What measures did Jyotirao Phule suggest to address these issues? Outline. (10+5)



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**Semester-V**

**Philosophy Comp. Rel.**

**Course- CC-12**

**Sikhism: Textual Study**

**Time- Three Hours**

**Full Marks-60**

Questions are of value indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions from the following

1. Discuss the concept of God according to Sikhism 15
2. Discuss the history of the Nath Sect. Elaborate your understanding on the philosophy of Nathism. 10+5
3. Distinguish between Sikhism and Nathism . 15
4. Explain the concepts of ideal man and world in the context of Sikhism. What is the Goal of Life according to Sikhism? Discuss. 10+5
5. Discuss the main tenets of Sant Ravidas's Begumpura. 15
6. Write short notes on any three of the following: 5x3
  - a. Pasupata Sect
  - b. Lakula System
  - c. Haumain
  - d. Gurmukh
  - e. Manmukh



**Final Examination - 2024**  
**B. A. (Honours) - Comparative Religion**  
**Semester - V**  
**CC-11 - Jainism: 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. Explain in detail the concept of *jiva*, *ajiva*, *asarva*, and *samvara* as described in the book of the Heart of Jainism. 5 + 5 + 2.5 + 2.5
  2. Describe the Jain *Tattvas* of *papa*, *punya*, *bandha* and *nirjara* from the writings of Sinclair Stevenson. 5 + 5 + 2.5 + 2.5
  3. Describe "the Gods" as explained in the fourth chapter of *Tattvartha Sutra* of Umasvati. 15
  4. "Live and Let Live." Discuss in the light of Jainism and how is it relevant to promote the environmental protection? 7.5 + 7.5
  5. Elucidate the *Vratas* of Jainism from the seventh chapter of *Tattvartha Sutra*. How are they relevant to the contemporary society? 7.5 + 7.5
  6. Write a short note on **Any Three** of the following; 5 X 3 = 15
    - i. Heart of Jainism
    - ii. *Tattvartha Sutra*
    - iii. *Tirthankara*
    - iv. *Parasparopagraho Jivanam*
    - v. *Moksa*
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**Semester-V**

**Comparative Religion**

**Course: DSE-1**

**Taoism- Textual Study**

**For Back Candidates**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 60**

**Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.**

**Answer *any four* questions.**

1. Describe the life and teachings of Lao-Tzu as the founder of Taoism. 15
2. Give an account of *Yin* and *Yang* as the two opposite yet complementary principles in Chinese religion. 15
3. Write a note on *the Tao* as the central philosophical concept of Taoism. 15
4. What is *Wu-Wei*? Describe the nature of *Wu-Wei* as a central teaching of Taoism. 15
5. Describe the Taoist concept of sage as the ideal person in Taoist philosophy. 15
6. Write short notes on any two of the following: 7.5+7.5
  - a) Tao-te-Ching
  - b) Taoist gods and goddesses
  - c) *Shang-ti*
  - d) *Wuji and Taiji*



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Comparative Religion

Sem-V

[ DSE-1] - Special Text (Indian)

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 60

Answer any four questions

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

1. What does Rabindranath Tagore mean by the term – “Creative principle of unity”?  
Answer from the chapter, *Man's Universe*, in *The Religion of Man*. 15
2. What does Rabindranath mean by ‘Man the great’? How is ‘Man the great’ related to the individual man? In this connection, how does Rabindranath relate our idea of perfection with human immortality? Discuss. 15
3. In Tagore’s view, religions are never about a God of cosmic force, but rather about the God of human personality. Do you agree with him? Elaborate on Tagore’s view on the matter. 15
4. In what ways does the evolution of man differ from the evolution of other life-forms? Discuss after Rabindranath Tagore. 15
5. How does the spirit of life conquer the challenges of the vast inert? Explain after Rabindranath Tagore. 15
6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following from Rabindranath Tagore’s *The Religion of Man*: 7.5+7.5
  - a) Role of imagination in human evolution
  - b) Role of mind in the progress of spirit of life
  - c) Divinity of man in Baul songs
  - d) Inter-relationship of units and the necessity of continuous self-surrender