

B.A. (Honours) Examination-2024

Semester VI

Comparative Religion

Paper – DSE 3

Confucianism Textual Study

TIME: THREE HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 60

Instruction: All the questions carry equal marks. Chose any four questions from the following:-

Q1. Discuss the centrality of REN in Confucianism and explain why REN and LI are inseparable according to Confucius? 15

Q2. Confucius calls himself a transmitter of ancient wisdom and not an innovator. Evaluate his claim. 15

Q3. What are the three major philosophies from the Hundred Schools of Thought other than Confucianism? Discuss their critique of Confucian school? 15

Q4. Discuss in detail Mencius' views on human nature and the major criticism related to his views. 15

Q5. Write short notes on any three of the following: 15

- a) Four Books and Five Classics
- b) The Book of Odes
- c) The Book of History
- d) "JUN ZI"
- e) Mandate of Heaven
- f) Religious rituals and Divination in Shang dynasty.

Q6. Explain the main features of Analects as a source of Confucian thought and cite quotations regarding JUN ZI and LI. 15

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DSE-04: Critique of Religion – II

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any FOUR questions

1. Whether *Satapatha Brahmana* and *Taittiriya Brahmana* are unanimous about the origin of the *Vedas*? Explain. 15
2. "Apart from the evidence of the Anukramanis there is another sort of evidence which militates against the theory of the *Vedas* being Apaurusheya. The Rishis themselves have treated the *Vedas* as a human and as a historical product" – Annotate. 5+10
3. What does *Mundaka Upanishad* say about the inferior knowledge and superior knowledge? How does *Brahma Sutra* concede to the claims of *Mimamsa Sutra* on the question of antagonism between *Karmakanda* and *Jnanakanda*, according to Ambedkar? Elucidate. 5+10
4. Whether there is agreement between *Rig Veda* and *Yajur Veda* on the origin of varna? Explain. 15
5. How does *Manusmriti* make the *Grahashtashrama* as superior to all other *Ashramas*? Why does Ambedkar call it as a system of planned economy of life? Explain. 10+5
6. How do castes originate out of *Anuloma* and *Pratiloma* systems of marriages between *varnas*? Explain it after *Manusmriti*, as discussed by Ambedkar. 15

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Semester - VI

Comparative Religion

Paper: CC14 – Christianity: 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 the Nazareth Manifesto of Jesus Christ as recorded in St. Luke 4: 16-24.

How are they important to empower the deprived people in a society? **7 + 8**

2. Describe the parable of Good Samaritan of Jesus Christ from St. Luke 10: 25-37 and bring out its relevance to the contemporary society. **8 + 7**

3. Elucidate the significant discussions and decisions of the Council of Jerusalem from the book of Acts 15: 1-35. **7 + 8**

4. Bring out the important teachings of St. Paul from the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. How are they useful to build a healthy relationship with one another today? **8 + 7**

5. How does Peniel Rajkumar discuss Dalit Theology and Dalit Liberation in his text book and critically evaluate in the light of Indian Constitution. **7 + 8**

6. Write a short note on **Any Three** of the following; **3 X 5 = 15**

- i. Good News
 - ii. Sabbath
 - iii. Introduction to Book of Acts
 - iv. Introduction to I Corinthians
 - v. Gift of God
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Course: C-13: Buddhism – Textual Study

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer *any four* questions

1. How did the emergence of the Sixteen Powers shape the geopolitical landscape of ancient India during 6th century BCE? Explain it after Rhys Davids. 15
2. Write an essay on the contributions of Asoka towards the expansion of Buddhism. 15
3. What does *Dhammapada* mean as the essence of the *Mind*? Elucidate. 15
4. What does the narrative of the *Mahakapi Jataka* say about the societal values and moral teachings? What insights does it offer about the relationship between ethics and everyday life? Explain. 10+5
5. Briefly outline the narrative of *Sukara Jataka*. Explain its moral teachings. 10+5
6. Write short notes on any three of the following: 5+5+5
 - A) Mote Hall
 - B) Four Monarchies
 - C) Sakiya clan
 - D) Kanishka