

Final Examination – 2026

Four Year Undergraduate Programme – NEP-2020

Philosophy and Comparative Religion (Minor)

Paper: MNPR03 – Philosophy, Religion and Science (Semester – V)

Duration: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 80

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

1. Write an essay on the relationship between religion and science. **20**
2. How did the pre-Socratic philosophers contribute to science? Highlight the contribution of Aristotle to science. **10 + 10**
3. What is yoga? Bring out the relationship between yoga and mental health. **05+15**
4. Describe the role of Jainism to protect the environment. Critically analyze and highlight the relevance of teachings of Jainism. **10 + 5 + 5**
5. What is “*Creatio ex Nihilo*.” Describe briefly the Big Bang Theory and creation out of nothing. **05+15**
6. Write a short note on **ANY FOUR** of the followings: **4 X 5 = 20**
 - i. Ian Barbour
 - ii. Ayurveda
 - iii. Buddhism and Psychoanalysis
 - iv. Islam and Quantum Physics
 - v. John Dewy and Science
 - vi. Dalai Lama’s view on science

Four Year Undergraduate Programme (NEP), 2026
Semester- VI
Comparative Religion
[MJCR14] RELIGION IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any **four** questions

1. Critically examine the relationship between religion and politics in the contemporary world. 20
2. What is religious terrorism? Discuss its causes and characteristics. 8+12
3. Discuss the relationship between Religious Humanism and the idea of tolerance. In this context, explain the relevance of tolerance in the contemporary world and suggest measures for promoting social harmony. 8+12
4. Explain the concept of secularism. Which model of secularism appears to be most practical for India? Critically examine the possibility of its implementation in contemporary Indian society. 5+10+5
5. Critically examine the ideas of secularism advocated by M. K. Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru. Highlight the similarities and differences between their perspectives. 20
6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: 2x10
 - i) Characteristics of Pluralism
 - ii) Western concept of Secularism
 - iii) Basic tenets of Humanism

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Comparative Religion (Major)

INTER-RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING

MJCR15

Sem-VI

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks:80

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

Answer *any four* questions

1. What is meant by inter-religious dialogue? Explain various inter-religious initiatives and dialogical practices in the modern world. 10+10
2. Evaluate the contribution of Swami Vivekananda toward the development of interfaith dialogue in modern India and the world. 20
3. Explain the concept of religious exclusivism. How does minority consciousness influence exclusivist tendencies within religious communities? Discuss. 10+10
4. What is pluralism? Discuss its relationship with inter-religious dialogue and distinguish it from religious relativism and syncretism. 5+15
5. Define Comparative Religion and critically examine its role in promoting interfaith understanding. 20
6. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: 2x10
 - i) Religious inclusivism
 - ii) Universal religion of Rammohan Roy
 - iii) Inter-religious dialogue and world peace

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Semester- VI

Comparative Religion

[MJCR16] FOLK AND TRIBAL RELIGIONS

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer any **four** questions

1. What is folk religion? How does it differ from mainstream religious traditions?
Discuss with special reference to the Baul tradition of Bengal. 5+15
2. What are *Bratas* and *Brata Kathas*? Discuss any two *Bratas* of Bengal in detail. 5+15
3. Critically discuss the concepts of Fetishism, Animism, Totemism and Shamanism in the context of tribal religious traditions. 5x4
4. Describe the various types of spirits found in Tribal religious traditions. How do these spirits shape the daily life, beliefs and ritual practices of tribal communities? 20
5. Explain the significance of sacred groves (*Sarna*) in the religious traditions of the Santals and other Adivasi communities. How has the concept of *Sari Dharam* contributed to the cultural revival and identity formation of the Santals? Discuss critically. 5+15
6. Describe the religious traditions of *any two* of the following tribes with special reference to their supreme deity, nature worship, and historical socio-religious movements: 2x10
 - i) Santal
 - ii) Munda
 - iii) Gond
 - iv) Bhil