

Ph. D. Course Work Examination – 2026

Comparative Religion

Course - I - Research Methodology and Techniques

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any FIVE of the following questions:

1. Give a brief account of different types of research with appropriate examples. 16
2. What is the review of literature? what are the basic procedures to be followed to identify the relevant literatures of research? 8 + 8
3. Distinguish between research problem and research question. How do you formulate a research hypothesis? 10 + 6
4. What are the major methods used to collect data for the qualitative and quantitative researches? 16
5. Explain briefly the stratified random sampling method? How do you differentiate between the sample method and the sample size? 8 + 8
6. Explain briefly the techniques of data analysis and interpretation with appropriate examples. 8 + 8
7. Explain the important components of report writing with appropriate examples and highlight the use of MS word in report writing? 10 + 6
8. Elucidate Foot Note, End Note, and In-text Citation with examples of sole authored book in Chicago Style. Distinguish between Bibliography and Webliography. Give an example for a sole authored book Bibliography in both APA and Chicago styles.

6 + 4 + 6

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Course 2
Elective Course

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Answer any FOUR questions

1. Who, among Śaṅkara, Rāmānuja and B.G Tilak has given the best interpretation to the verse of *Dhyānayoga* which goes as, “Not depending on the fruits of it, whoever performs the work that has to be done is the renouncer and *yogī*; not he who has rejected the household fires.” (BG 6.1) Justify yourself. 20
2. Does the doctrine that existence is a perfection really belong to Anselm’s formulation of the ontological argument? Justify your answer. 20
3. Write a note on the representations of goddesses in Vedic literature along with their cosmological and ritual significance. 20
4. Discuss why Aquinas believed that though his five ways might show us that God exists, they are not enough to help us comprehend the nature of God. 20
5. Evaluate the status of women in the Upaniṣadic period with reference to textual evidence. 20
6. Write an essay on how Ambedkar explains caste as an enclosed class. 20
7. What are the three aspects of ‘Hindu social order’ according to Ambedkar? Explain them with literary evidences. 20