Four Year Undergraduate Programme 2025

Comparative Religion (Major)

CONCEPTUAL AND TEXTUAL STUDY: BUDDHISM

MJCR04

Sem-II

Time: 3 hours | Full Marks:80

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

Answer ***any four*** questions

1. Give a brief account of the life and teachings of the Buddha. 20

2. Describe the factors that led to the spread of the Buddha's teachings in the Indian subcontinent. 20

3. Give a detailed account of the eightfold path in Buddhism. 20

4. Explain the concept of *pratityasamudpada* in detail. 20

5. Write short notes on Vinaya Pitaka and Sutta Pitaka. 10+10

6. Answer ***any four*** of the following:

   a) What is *Sunyavada*? Who propounded *Sunyavada*? Name a book written by him. 3+1+1

   b) What is the 'middle path' taught by the Buddha? Explain. 5

   c) Who is a *bodhisattva*? Describe his role in the Buddhist philosophy. 2+3

   d) How did royal patronage help the Buddha's mission? Discuss in brief. 5

   e) Write a brief note on Theravada. 5

   f) Write a brief note on Mahayana. 5

B.A. (Honours) NEP- Final examination – 2025

Semester – II

Comparative Religion Major

Paper: SECCR02 – Religion and Ethics

Duration: 3 Hrs. Max. Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any FOUR of the following questions:

1. What is the meaning, nature , and Scope of ethics? Discuss in detail. (15)

2. Write a short note on the concept of value. What are the differences between Instrumental value and Intrinsic value?(5+10)

3. Briefly discuss the fundamental duties and rights of Man. How are rights and duties complementary to each other? explain with suitable examples. (10 +5)

4. How does Laird divide virtues into three classes? State and explain the Cardinal virtues with reference to "Republic". (5+10)

5. What is natural law? why natural law is universally valid? (15)

6. What are the four noble truths? Give a brief account of eight-fold path as advocated by Buddha. (5+10)

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2025
Semester II
Comparative Religion
Course: MJCR03
Hinduism: Conceptual and Textual Study

Time: 3 Hours **Full Marks: 80**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. How does Gavin Flood establish that rituals are inseparable from soteriology in Hinduism? Explain critically. 20

2. Why the Vedas, as revelation, is of vital importance in understanding Hinduism? Describe following Gavin Flood's account. 20

3. How is the notion of 'sacred' associated with Hinduism? Illustrate with examples following Emile Durkheim's exposition. 20

4. Would you agree with the view that Hinduism is not so much a religion but a way of life? Justify your answer. 20

5. Give the definition of Hinduism following George Lakoff's Prototype Theory? Do you consider it as an appropriate definition? Justify your answer. 20

6. Explain how the term 'Hindu' originated according to Gavin Flood? Write a note on the composition of Hindu population in India after Gavin. 20

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Philosophy & Comparative Religion-AIHC&A (Major)

THEMES IN RELIGION

MNPR01

Sem-II

Time: 3 hours **Full Marks:80**

Each question is of value as indicated in the margin

Answer ***any four*** questions

1. Discuss the religious beliefs of the people of Indus Valley civilization along with archaeological evidence from which historians have deduced such beliefs. 20

2. Describe magic and miracle. How is each of them connected to religion? Discuss in detail. 20

3. Briefly describe the features of a prophetic religion. Are these features present in Islam? Discuss with reference to the Holy Quran. 10+10

4. Discuss the role of intermediaries between humans and the Divine in different Indian religions with special reference to Buddhism. 20

5. Give an account of different theories related to the origin of religion with special reference to the theory of animism. 20

6. Write short notes on ***any four*** of the following: 5x4

7. a) Henotheism

   b) Agnosticism

   c) Gnosticism

   d) Incarnation Theory

   e) Polytheism