B.A. (Honors) Examination-2022

Semester VI

Comparative Religion

Course: DSE-03 [Confucianism-Textual Study]

Time: **Three** Hours | Full Marks -60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any **four** questions

1. How does Confucius's concept of culture differ from modern day western concept of culture? Explain with the help of examples. 15

2. Learning, according to Confucius, is an ability to think, thinking without learning is a complete waste. Discuss. 15

3. Confucius's concerns about bringing order in society emanates from the chaos he witnessed during his growing years. Elaborate. 15

4. Write about the virtues emphasized in Confucian thought. 15

5. Consider the following statements and give reasons for each of them. 5+5+5=15

   a) According to Confucius, "People are born similar; they diverge by means of practice".
   b) Mastering Western Zhou cultural practices was not an integral part of being a human being.
   c) Zhou classics provide a very clear set of rigid rules for every situation.

6. Write short notes on any **five** of the following: 5X3=15

   a) Filial Piety (xiao)
   b) Gentle man (junzi)
   c) Ritual (li) as a cultural tool
   d) Confucius's attitude towards learning
   e) Human nature according to Confucius
   f) WU WEI the effortless action