TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2020 held in March, 2021

PHILOSOPHY

(5th Semester)

Course No. : PHPDSE–502T

(Comparative Religion)

Full Marks : 70
Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

Answer any *twenty* of the following questions : 1×20=20

1. "The unity of the different religions can be achieved at external level." Is it true?

2. "Comparative religion is a survey and comparison of the great religions of the world." Who says this?

3. "Comparison, however to be justified seriously, must not imply judgement, and still less depreciation of any faith." Who remarks this?

4. "The basic truth of all religions is one." Is it true?

5. "India is used to many religions and regard them as different ways to the one goal with a rare tolerance." Who says this?

6. "More properly it is to be called comparative study of religion rather, than comparative religion." Is it true?

7. "In comparative religion we do not find sympathy and proper mutual understanding." Is it true?

8. What is the method of comparative religion? Write in a single line.

9. Is Hinduism the oldest of all living religions?

10. "Hinduism has not been made, but has grown. It is jungle not a building." Who remarks this?

11. Name any one text of Hinduism.

12. What is the Buddhistic view of liberation?

13. Who is generally regarded as founder of Jaina religion?

14. Does Jainism believe in any creator God?

15. Who is the founder of Buddhism?

16. "Hinduism is monotheistic." Is it true?

17. Is there an after life according to Christianity?

18. Is the world absolutely dependent upon God for its maintenance?

19. What is Trinity in Christianity?

20. Who is the messenger of God in Islam?

21. Why is Islam out and out a monotheistic religion?

22. What are 'Keys to Paradise' in Islam?

23. Name the basic text of Islam.

24. Does Islam believe in life after death?

25. Choose the correct answer :

"Religious language makes factual assertions that can be proved true or false."—Cognitivists/Non-cognitivists advocated this.

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26. "Cognitivists assume a correspondence theory of truth between language used and concepts or objects to which language refers." Is it true?

27. Which principle states that statements about God are meaningless?

28. "God does not reveal in the world." Who says this?

29. "Religious language is the language of probability." Who advocated this?

30. "The language of religion is comprised of a set of symbols, myths, metaphors." Is it true?

31. "Things which are seen are temporal; but things which are not seen are eternal." Who says this?

32. Who held that God is the meaning of the world?

33. "Religious pluralism should entail competition but no cooperation." Is it true?

34. "Interfaith dialogue includes human interaction and relationship." Is it true?

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35. "All forms of religion are infected with relativity." Is it true?

36. Write in short about religious pluralism.

37. What is necessary to overcome religious differences between different religions?

38. What is interreligious dialogue?

39. Mention any one aim of dialogue.

40. "Interfaith dialogue refers to dialogue between members of different religions for the goal of reducing conflicts between their religions." Is it true?

SECTION—B

Answer any *five* of the following questions : 2×5=10

41. What are marks of meeting of the different religions?

42. Mention any two points connected to the subject matter of comparative religion.

43. Mention any two features of Hinduism.

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44. Mention any two features of Buddhism.

45. Name two sects of Christians.

46. Mention any two features of Islam.

47. What is religious language?

48. What is verifiability principle?

49. "Every form of religion is relative including one's own." Give any two reasons for holding all religions to be relative.

50. What is the meaning of religious tolerance?

SECTION—C

Answer any *five* of the following questions : 8×5=40

51. Examine various methods of comparative religion.

52. Why do conflicts arise between religions? How can these be solved?

53. "Hinduism has not been made, but has grown. It is a jungle not a building." Discuss briefly.

54. Discuss fundamentals of Buddhism.

55. Explain briefly Christian concept of God and Love.

56. Discuss briefly the Five Pillars of Islam.

57. 'Religion as a family resemblance concept'—Explain.

58. 'Religious language as advocated by cognitivists and non-cognitivists'—Examine.

59. Explain the problems and perspectives of interreligious understanding.

60. Discuss the importance of religious tolerance.

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