



**2021/TDC/CBCS/ODD/
PHIDSE-502T/063**

**TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2021
held in March, 2022**

PHILOSOPHY

(5th Semester)

Course No. : PHIDSE-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. What is comparative religion?
2. "The basic truth of all religions is one." Is it true?
3. Is it possible to make a comparative study of all living religions?



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4. "More properly it is to be called comparative study of religion rather than comparative religion." Is it true?
5. Is there any utility of studying comparative religion?
6. Which religion is the oldest of all religions?
7. "Hinduism has not been made, but has grown. It is a jungle not a building." Do you consider it to be true?
8. Who is the founder of Buddhism?
9. Which religion focuses on meditation—the eight-fold path?
10. What are the two sects of Jainism?
11. Which religion was monotheistic and had Abraham as its leader?
12. Which religion is based on the teachings of Jesus?
13. Which religion has a synagogue as a place of worship?

4. Does Islam believe in reincarnation?
5. Which religion uses the Quran as the holy book?
6. "Religious language is the language of probability." Who advocated this?
7. Does religious language have any meaning?
8. Is religious language symbolic?
9. Which group of thinkers believe that religious language is cognitive?
10. Is religious language analogical?
11. What is dialogue?
12. Who started interreligious dialogue?
13. What is religious relativism?
14. What is religious exclusivism?
15. What is 'one religionism'?



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SECTION—B

Answer any *five* of the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

26. State two benefits of studying comparative religion.
27. Mention two meeting points of religions.
28. What are the four primary schools of Buddhism?
29. What are the Triratnas (three jewels) of Jainism?
30. What is Christian trinity?
31. What are the five pillars of Islam?
32. What is meant by religious language?
33. Explain briefly the concept of 'religion as a family resemblance'.
34. What is interreligious dialogue?
35. Mention any two salient features of interreligious understanding.

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SECTION—C

Answer any *five* of the following questions : $8 \times 5 = 40$

36. What are the methods of comparative religion? Explain in detail.
37. Describe the issue of conflict of religions.
38. Explain the fundamental tenets of Buddhism.
39. Discuss the main features of Jainism.
40. Discuss the fundamentals of Judaism.
41. Who founded Islam? What are the 'Keys to Paradise' in Islam? Explain. $1+7=8$
42. "Religious language is non-cognitive." Justify the statement following Hick.
43. What is the speciality of religious language? Explain the doctrine of analogy in this connection. $2+6=8$



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44. What is religious pluralism? How does it differ from exclusivist and inclusivist positions on religion? Discuss.

5+3=8

45. What is religious tolerance? Should all religious views be tolerated? Explain.

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