

**M.A. Semester-II Examination 2017**  
**Comparative Religion**  
**Course : V**  
**(Phenomenon of Religion: Part-II)**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 40**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Explain the patterns of theoretical studies of ritual as enumerated by Catherine Bell. 10
  2. Outline performance theory and its application in the study of ritual. 10
  3. How can a ritual be read as a text? Explain it through Paul Ricoeur's hermeneutics. 10
  4. What are the four features of practice according to Catherine Bell? Explain. 10
  5. How does a ritualised body emerge in the interaction of body with a structured and structuring environment? Explain it through body studies. 10
  6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
    - (a) Marx's theory of praxis
    - (b) Failure of rite
    - (c) Ritualization
    - (d) Foucault's analytics of power
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