

M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2015

Comparative Religion

Paper : IX

Mystical Traditions of India (Unit-II)

Time : Three Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions of the following.

1. Who is a mystic? Give a brief understanding the rise of bhakti mystic tradition in North India. 2+8=10
 2. Compare and contrast saguna and nirguna bhakti traditions of North India with suitable examples. 10
 3. Give a detailed view on the life and teachings of Sant Kabir or Dadu Dayal. 10
 4. Write a note on Nanak Dev as a mystic saint. Would you say that Nanak's tradition was a continuation of the mystic bhakti tradition of Kabir and Dadu? Support your views. 4+6=10
 5. Discuss the teachings of Kabir and Nanak that differentiate them from the main stream of religious traditions of their times. How have they harmonised Hindu and Islamic trends in their teachings? 6+4=10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) Parabrahma Sampradāya
 - (b) Sangat
 - (c) Mystic songs of Kabir
 - (d) Sahaj Mat
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