

B.A. (Honours) Semester-V Examination 2016
Comparative Religion
Course : H-11
(Chinese and Japanese Religion)

Time : Three Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions

1. Who Was Lao-tzu? What were his fundamental teaching? Explain. 3+7=10
 2. What is the inner meaning of shangiti and tlien in the primitive religion of China? Discuss. 10
 3. State Confucianism is a religion of humanity. 10
 4. Explain and examine the principle of *Tao* with reference to life. 10
 5. Discuss the nature of prayer and sacrifice as practiced in ancient China. 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) Yin and Yang
 - (b) Cheng-Ming
 - (c) Tao-te-ching
 - (d) Chan (zem)
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1. Explain the concept of 'we wei'. What role does it play in the practice of Taoism? 4+6=10
 2. Describe some Taoist concepts discussed in the book Tao-te-ching. 10
 3. Give an idea of Yin and Yang of the Tao tradition. 10
 4. What are the five cardinal virtues for a gentleman? Discuss after Confucius. 10
 5. Is Confucianism a religion or an ethical humanitarian philosophy? Give your views on the matter. 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) Confucius
 - (b) Cheng-ming (rectification of names)
 - (c) Taoist gods and goddesses
 - (d) Taoist idea of immortality
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