

M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2015

Comparative Religion (Special Paper)

Islam and Sufism (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. What is Sufism? Give an account of the origin and development of Sufism. 10
 2. How the lives and teaching of Hasan-al-Basri and Rabia-al-Basri provide Sufis with the basic doctrines? Discuss. 10
 3. Distinguish between the 'Sober' and 'intoxicated' schools of Sufism. Are these schools antagonistic to Islam? Give reasons. 6+4=10
 4. Discuss the various states (hāl) and stages (maqām) of the Sufi path (Tariqah). 10
 5. What are the salient features of Chishtiya silhilah? How does it promote inter-communal harmony in India? Discuss. 7+3=10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) Nubuwat and Wilayat
 - (b) Interrelation of shariah and tariqah
 - (c) Position of Sufism during the period of Abbasid caliphate
 - (d) Sufism of Bengal
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