

M.A. Semester-IV Examination, 2015

Comparative Religion

Jainism (Special Paper) 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. Explain clearly the important festivals of the Jainas. 10
 2. What are the five great vows (pañca mahāvratas) of the Jainas prescribed in the Jaina ethics? Explain. 10
 3. What are the 'triratnās' (three Jewels) according to Jainism? Discuss their role in leading to individual liberation. 10
 4. *Ahimsā* is the first and foremost vow of the Jaina monks, because it is the basis of all other vows? Explain after Jaina ethics. 10
 5. Explain briefly the fourteen stages of spiritual development (Gunasthāna) prescribed by the Jāinas for the attainment of moksa. 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) syādvāda
 - (b) anuvrata
 - (c) aparigraha
 - (d) bondage
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