

M.A. Examination, 2019
Semester-IV
Comparative Religion
Course : MACOMRSP-401
Islam and Sufism-II

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Give a brief account of the Sufi doctrine of *Wahdat-ul-Wajud* or divine emanation. 10
 2. What role did Neo-Platonism play in shaping the Sufi thoughts? Discuss after Arberry. 10
 3. Explain the notion of Ishq (love) as found in early Sufism. Did it change to a different form in the later phase? Explain. 5+5=10
 4. Can early Sufism be described as a form of asceticism? Give reasons for your answer. 10
 5. Why did Sufism try to reconcile itself with Islam? Discuss the views of Arberry. 10
 6. Evaluate the arguments presented by Nicholson in favour of the claim that Sufism has evolved from the core of Islam without any internal influence. 10
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