

M.A. Examination, 2018
Semester-III
Comparative Religion
Course : MACOMRSP 306
(Postcolonial Studies in Religion-I)

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Write an essay on Saidian elaboration of the representational character of Orientalism. 10
 2. “Orientalism was ultimately a political vision of reality whose structure promoted the difference between the familiar (Europe, the West, “us”) and the strange (the Orient, the East, “them”)- Explain it in the context of the relation between Orientalism and colonialism. 10
 3. Outline the history of the development of postcolonialism. 10
 4. Elucidate how does postcolonialism serve as the cultural contestation between the colonized and the colonizer. 10
 5. Briefly explain the methods and strategies of postcolonial theology. 10
 6. How does Sugirtharajah compare the birth narratives of Buddha and Jesus, using Saidian contrapuntal method, as a reading strategy open to unknown dimensions within a textual tradition? Discuss. 10
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