

M.A. Examination 2018
Semester-I
Comparative Religion
Course : MACOMRCP 102
History of Comparative Religion

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Can we call Freidrich Max Muller 'the father of Comparative Religion'? Discuss. 15
 2. How did the rise of nationalism and free thinking influence the modern way of studying religions? Discuss in detail.
 3. How did Charles Darwin's theory of evolution influence comparative study of religion? In this connection, show the importance of the contribution of Herbert Spencer. 7+8=15
 4. What is 'Dialogue of Religions'? Give an idea of the debate concerning inclusion of 'dialogue of religion' within the scope of Comparative Religion. 3+12=15
 5. Write about the works and thoughts of any two prominent Indian thinkers to promote interreligious dialogue. 7+8=18
 6. Write short note on **any two** of the following : 7+8=15
 - a) Religious exclusivity of medieval Europe
 - b) Religious open-mindedness of the Greeks
 - c) Deism
 - d) David Hume's 'Natural History of Religion'
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