

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018
Semester-V
Comparative Religion
Course: H-11
(Chinese and Japanese Religions)

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **any four** questions.

1. Write the main notions behind “Religion” in China. When did the word “Religion” appear in the Chinese scene? Which two religions can be called the indigenous religions of China? 6+2+2=10
 2. Write a short note on the basic virtues talked by Confucious. Why, according to Confucious do the RITUALS hold an important place in political as well as social life? 5+5=10
 3. Explain the concept behind the story of the Bull and the Butcher as told by the Daoist philosopher Zhuangze. 10
 4. “The best way to govern the world is to not govern it”. This statement reflects one of the main ideas of Daoism/Taoism. Name the philosophy and write a short note explaining the philosophy. 10
 5. Discuss in detail the impact of Taoism and Confucianism in the day-to-day living of East Asian societies. 10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - a) The anecdote “Duck’s legs and Crane’s legs”
 - b) “The Theory of Letting Alone”
 - c) Kindness which in larger sense means seeing ones own growth in the growth of others.
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