

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018**  
**Semester-V**  
**Comparative Religion**  
**Course: H-15**  
**(Bengal Folk and Tribal Traditions)**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 40**

**Questions are of equal value.**

Answer **any four** questions.

1. What are the different 'tutelary spirits' of the Santal Pantheon? Describe the role and religious practice associated with at least one of the important bongas in Santal religion.
  2. Describe briefly how 'means of livelihood' is connected with the rituals of the Santals with special reference to agriculture.
  3. What is Baha festival? Describe in detail different aspects of this festival.
  4. Discuss briefly some of the different connotation of the word 'Baul' as known in the history. Does the Baul cult have any relation to the older religious tradition of Bengal? How does it place itself *vis-à-vis* Brahminical tradition? – Explain with reference to the *Charichandraveda*.
  5. Describe briefly the life and time of one great Baul. Explain how he responded to contemporary religious problem related to Caste.
  6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following :
    - a) Majhi Haram
    - b) Jaherthan
    - c) Maner Manush
    - d) Baul and Bhakti tradition
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