



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PPL1MC02 – INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 MCQ

- a) The group in Jewish history that believed in both the Written and Oral Torah and emphasized religious piety and the resurrection of the dead was the _____.
a) Sadducees b) Pharisees c) Zealots d) Essenes
- b) In Zoroastrian eschatology, the figure of the _____ is a future savior who will bring about the final restoration of the world, leading to the resurrection of the dead and eternal life.
a) Ahura Mazda b) Ahriman c) Saoshyant d) Frashkart
- c) The term "Buddha" is a title that means _____ in Sanskrit and Pali.
a) Savior b) Teacher c) Awakened one d) Compassionate one
- d) The vow of Satya, or Truth, requires abstinence from falsehood and involves speaking what is true, good, and _____.
a) convenient b) complex c) pleasant d) easy to understand
- e) The Guru Granth Sahib is regarded as the _____ Guru, and it holds the same reverence as the human Gurus who came before.
a) Eternal b) Temporary c) Physical d) Reincarnate

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Answer the following

- a) Mention the two main types of knowledge according to Jainism.
- b) Name the person who tried to kill the Buddha thrice.
- c) Name the evil which tried tempting Buddha determined to defeat him and prevent him from attaining Enlightenment.
- d) State Jewish prophet who is regarded as the greatest and most authentic in Judaism, delivering the Torah and guiding the Israelites out of Egypt.
- e) Name the Sikh initiation ceremony into the Khalsa, involving the consumption of *amrit*.

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 Explain the relation between the Guru and the Disciple in Sikhism
- 4 Describe the Social structure, family life and the social position of women in Jewish Society.
- 5 Discuss the teachings of Zoroaster.

6	Explain the concept of God in Buddhism.
7	How does Karma affect the soul in Jainism and how it can be removed?
SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
	Answer any TWO of the following in 200 words each. (2 x 12.5 = 25)
8	Illustrate the rituals surrounding the Guru Granth Sahib.
9	Examine the four incidents that had a profound influence on the life of Siddhartha.
10	Describe the Doctrine of Dependent Origination according to Buddhism.
11	Illustrate the sources of Knowledge in Jainism.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words (1 x 15 = 15)
12	Comment on how the practice of the four Brahmaviharas can transform our approach to conflicts and challenges in daily life.
13	Illustrate the four Noble Truths in Buddhism.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
14	Discuss the eight-fold path in Buddhism by highlighting its advantages and challenges in practicing them in today's world.
15	Explain the five K's in Sikhism along with their significance in the world today.

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