



**DEPARTMENT OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA**

**SYLLABUS
M.A. (RELIGIOUS STUDIES) PART-I (ANNUAL)
2011-2012 EXAMINATIONS**

OUTLINES OF TESTS

There are four papers in M.A. (Religious Studies) Part-I. Each paper carries 80 marks and is of three hours duration. 20 marks are allotted for Internal Assessment.

	Marks
PAPER-I : Study of Religion	100 (80+20)
PAPER-II : Study of Sikh Religion	100 (80+20)
PAPER-III : Option (ii) : Indian and West Asian Religions (Hinduism, Jainism and Buddhism, Judaism and Christianity and Islam)	100 (80+20)
PAPER-IV : Option (ii) : Study of Sikh Scripture (Gurbani)	100 (80+20)

PAPER-I : STUDY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hrs.

Max. Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 28

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SECTION-A**Introduction**

1. What is Religion? : Nature and Scope.
2. Relationship with Theology, Morality, Philosophy and Sociology.
3. Study of Religion—History of Religions (Religions-wissenschaft) : origin, development and present trends.

SECTION-B**Methodologies in the Study of Religion**

4. Anthropological Methodology with special reference to E.B. Tylor and J. Frazer.
5. Sociological Methodology with special reference to E. Durkheim and M. Weber.
6. Phenomenological Methodology with special reference to W.B. Kristensen and G. Vander Leeuv.
7. Historical and Materialistic Methodology with special reference to Feuerbach and Marx.

SECTION-C**Origin and Evolution of Religion**

8. Theories of Origins of Religion—Tylor, Frazer, Durkheim Freud and Otto.
9. Early Religious Expression—Mana, Anima, Totem and Magic.
10. Myth and Ritual.

SECTION-D**Modern Trends and Religion**

11. Religious Pluralism - Problems and Issues.
12. Secularism.
13. Present Challenges to Religion.

SECTION-E

14. Ten short-answer type questions covering the above four sections.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. Lowell W. Bloss : *Theories of Religion.*
2. A.G. Widgry : *What is Religion?*
3. Garry Trompf : *In Search of Origins of Religion.*
4. Joachim Wach : *The Comparative Study of Religion.*
5. Mircea Eliade : *The Sacred and the Profaner.*
6. Annemarie de Waal : *Religion and Culture.*
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7. Frederick J. Streng : *Understanding Religious Life.*
8. Eliade and Kitagawa (eds.) : *The History of Religions. Essays in Methodology.*
9. W. Richard Comstock : *The Study of Religion and Primitive Religion.*
10. Stephen Fuchs : *Origin of Religion. Introduction to History of Religion.*
11. E.C. James : *Comparative Religion.*
12. Thomas Paul : *Present-Day Challenges to Religion.*
13. Bhupinder Singh : *Theories of Religion.*
14. Anand Spencer : *Understanding Religion : Theories & Methodology.*
15. Darshan Singh : *Dharam Adhyan Ate Sikh Adhyan*

PAPER-II : STUDY OF SIKH RELIGION

Time : 3 hrs.

Max. Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 28

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SECTION-A

Introductory

1. Sikh Religion : Origin, Meaning and Distinctive Features.
2. Sikh Institutions, Evolution in the Guru Period (Langar, Sangat, Manji System).
3. Development and Consolidation of Sikh Community in Guru Period.

SECTION-B

Sikh Traditions

4. Guruship from Guru Nanak to Guru Granth Sahib.

5. Impact of Martyrdom of 5th and 9th Gurus on Sikh Community.
6. Historical development of Gurdwara.

SECTION-C

Sikh Way of Life

7. Sikh Moral Code (Rahit Maryada)—Its origin and development, customs (birth, naming, baptism, marriage, death).
8. Rahitnamas : Study of Rahitnamas of Chaupa Singh, Bhai Nand Lal and Bhai Prahlad Singh.
9. Institution of Gurmata, Sarbat Khalsa, Akal Takhat, Rakhi System.

SECTION-D

Sikh Movements

10. Emergence of Socio-religious Movement—Namdhari, Singh Sabha and Gurdwara Reform Movement.
11. Sikh Sects—Udasis, Sevapanthis, Nirmalas.

SECTION-E

12. Ten short-answer type questions covering the above four sections.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

1. Harbans Singh : *The Heritage of the Sikhs.*
2. I.B. Banerjee : *Evolution of Khalsa (2 Volumes).*
3. E.K. Marengo : *The Transformation of the Sikh Society.*
4. A.C. Banerjee : *Guru Nanak and His Times.*
5. Avtar Singh : *Ethics of the Sikhs.*
6. Teja Singh : *Ideals and Institutions of Sikhism.*
7. Piara Singh Padam : *Rahitnamas.*
8. Nripinder Singh : *The Sikh Moral Tradition.*
9. Dalbir Singh Dhillon : *Sikh Religion : Origin and Development.*
10. Ganda Singh : *The Singh Sabha and other Socio-religious Movements in Punjab.*
11. S.S. Ashok : *Punjab dian Lehran.*
12. J.S. Ahluwalia : *Sikhism Today.*
13. Dharam Singh : *Sikh Theology of Liberation.*

PAPER-III : OPTION (ii) : INDIAN AND WEST-ASIAN RELIGIONS**Time : 3 hrs.****Max. Marks : 80****Pass Marks : 28****INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER**

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SECTION-A**Hinduism**

1. Vedic Tradition : Main characteristics, Nasadiya Sukta, Purusha Sukta, Sacrifices, gods.
2. Upanishads : Concept of Brahman, Atman and World.
3. The Bhagavadgita : Jnana Marga, Bhakti Marga, Karma Marga (Nishkama-karma).

SECTION-B**Jainism and Buddhism**

4. Jainism : Brief Introduction, Jiva, Ajiva, Anekantvad.
5. Origin and Development, Four Noble Truths, Doctrine of Suffering, Impermanence and Non-self.
6. Doctrine of Karma and Rebirth, Bodhisattva Ideal.

SECTION-C**Judaism and Christianity**

7. Judaism : Moses, his Contribution and Torah.
8. Christianity : Doctrine of Trinity, Sin and Salvation.
9. General Introduction to New Testament, Church—Its Origin and brief History.

SECTION-D**Islam**

10. Prophet Muhammad and His Mission.
11. The Quran—Its Compilation and its Status in Islam. Surah-ul-Fatiha. Five Pillars of Islam.
12. Sufism—Meaning, Origin and Development, Its relation with Islam. Basic Principles, Sufi Orders (Silsilahs).

SECTION-E

13. Ten short answer-type questions covering the above four Sections.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

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| 1. | S.N. Dasgupta | : | <i>History of Indian Philosophy.</i> (Vol. I to V) |
| 2. | S. Radhakrishnan | : | <i>Indian Philosophy.</i> |
| 3. | M. Hiriyanna | : | <i>Outlines of Indian Philosophy.</i> |
| 4. | Haridas Bhattacharya | : | <i>Cultural Heritage of India.</i> |
| 5. | Punjabi University | : | <i>Buddhism.</i> |
| 6. | Punjabi University | : | <i>Hinduism.</i> |
| 7. | H.W. Schumann | : | <i>Buddhism.</i> |
| 8. | Punjabi University | : | <i>Islam.</i> |
| 9. | Punjabi University | : | <i>Jainism.</i> |
| 10. | Amir Ali | : | <i>Spirit of Islam.</i> |
| 11. | Mir Valiuddin | : | <i>The Quranic Sufism.</i> |
| 12. | G.R. Singh & C.W. David | : | <i>Judaism and Christianity.</i> |
| 13. | A Marcus Ward | : | <i>The Outline of Christian Doctrine</i> (Vol. I & II) |
| 14. | James Massey | : | <i>Masihah—Ik Parichaye.</i> |
| 15. | ਡਾ. ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਹਬੀਬ | : | ਹਜ਼ਰਤ ਸਾਈਂ ਮੀਆਂ ਮੀਰ, ਜੀਵਨ, ਸਾਧਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਿਆਵਾਂ |
| 16. | Rajinder Kaur Rohi | : | <i>Semetic And Sikh Monotheism</i> |

PAPER-IV : OPTION (ii) STUDY OF SIKH SCRIPTURE (GURBANI)**Time : 3 hrs.****Max. Marks : 80****Pass Marks : 28****INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER**

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SECTION-A

1. Guru Granth Sahib.
2. History of compilation and editorial scheme.
3. General Introduction to the contributors of the Guru Granth Sahib.

SECTION-B

4. Study of the Bani of Guru Nanak.
5. Conceptual studies of Japuji, Sidha Gosti, Asa di Var with special reference to (i) Supreme Reality, (ii) World (Jagat), (iii) Social Structure, (iv) Ideal Man.

SECTION-C

6. Conceptual study of Guru Amar Das's Anand Bani—(i) Guru (ii) Maya (iii) Anand.
7. Conceptual study of Guru Ram Das's Lavan and Pahre-Spiritual Development.

SECTION-D

8. Conceptual study of Guru Arjan's Sukhmani and Bavan Akhari :
 - (i) Nirguna Sarguna
 - (ii) Nam-Simran
 - (iii) Brahmngiani
9. Bani of Guru Tegh Bahadur—Study of theological concepts Simran, Renunciation Mukti.

SECTION-E

10. Ten short-answer type questions covering the above four sections.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

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| 1. | Mohinder Kaur Gill | : | <i>Guru Granth Sahib di Sampadan Kala.</i> |
| 2. | Wazir Singh | : | <i>Nanak Bani Chintan.</i> |
| 3. | Ram Singh | : | <i>Japji da Visha te Roop.</i> |
| 4. | Jagjit Singh | : | <i>Mulmantar, Sankalap ate Vivechan.</i> |
| 5. | Sohan Singh | : | <i>The Seeker's Path.</i> |
| 6. | Jagbir Singh | : | <i>Bani Sansar.</i> |

7. Taran Singh : *Anand Jot te Jugat.*
8. Balbir Singh Dil : *Amar Kavi Guru Amar Das.*
9. Jodh Singh : *The Religious Philosophy of Guru Nanak.*
10. Nirbhai Singh : *Philosophy of Sikhism.*
11. Sahib Singh : *Bara Maha.*
12. Narain Singh : *Viah Hoa Mere Babla.*
13. Bhai Vir Singh : *Lavan Steek.*
14. Language Department : *Guru Ram Das Jiven te Bani.*
15. Gurnam Kaur : *Reason and Revelation in Sikhism.*
16. Pritpal Singh : *Japuji ik Vivechan.*
17. Gurnek Singh : *Guru Granth Sahib : Interpretation, Meaning and Nature.*