



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

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

OUTLINES OF TESTS

There are four papers in M.A. (Religious Studies) Part-II. Each paper carries 100 (80+20 Internal Assessment) marks and is of three hours duration. **The break up of 20 marks for internal assessment is 10 marks each for two questions from each paper.**

PAPER—V	:	Philosophy of Religion.	100 (80+20)
PAPER—VI	:	Philosophy of Sikhism.	100 (80+20)
PAPER—VII	:	Option (ii) Bhagat Bani and Dasam Granth	100 (80+20)
PAPER—VIII	:	Option (iii) Inter Religious Understanding and Dialogue	100 (80+20)

PAPER-V : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hrs.

Max. Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 28

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SECTION—A**Introduction**

1. What is Philosophy of Religion?
2. Relationship of Philosophy of religion with Religion, theology, Philosophy and science.
3. Major concepts of the Divine—Pantheism, Panentheism, Monotheism, Deism, Personalism (saguna), Impersonalism (nirguna).

SECTION—B**Religious Language, Scriptures, Faith and Mysticism**

4. Religious Language and Symbolism.
5. Problem of Interpretation of Scriptures.
6. Mysticism—nature, kinds and characteristics.

SECTION—C**Existence of God**

7. Grounds for and against the existence of God.
8. Attributes of God.

SECTION—D**Human Life and World**

9. Human existence—destiny, freedom, transmigration and immortality.
10. The world theories of creation.
11. Problem of good and evil.

SECTION—E

12. Ten short answer type questions, covering the above four Sections.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

John Hick	:	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>
Basil Mitchell	:	<i>The Philosophy of Religion</i>
Y. Masih	:	<i>Religious Philosophy</i>
A.G. Wager	:	<i>What is Religion?</i>
John Hick	:	<i>Faith and Knowledge</i>
Rudolf Otto	:	<i>The Idea of the Holy</i>
Pringle Pattison	:	<i>The Idea of God</i>
William James	:	<i>Varieties of Religious Experience</i>
Micolari Bihdayer	:	<i>The Divine and Human</i>
W.T. Stace	:	<i>Philosophy and Mysticism</i>
Woods	:	<i>Understanding Mysticism</i>
S.T. Suzuki	:	<i>Mysticism—Christian and Buddhist</i>
S.N. Dasgupta	:	<i>Hindu Mysticism</i>

PAPER-VI : PHILOSOPHY OF SIKHISM**Time : 3 hrs.****Max. Marks : 80****Pass Marks : 28****INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER**

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SECTION—A**Metaphysics**

1. Reality—Its nature and attributes.
2. Cosmology—Theory of creation, universe (*jagat*), maya.
3. Ego (*haumai*), self (*atman*), emancipation.

SECTION—B**Epistemology**

4. Knowledge—sources and kinds of knowledge.
5. Mysticism—meaning, nature and distinctive features of Sikh mysticism.
6. Self-realization, Spiritual ascent (five khands).

SECTION—C**Ethics and Axiology**

7. Key ethical terms
 - (i) Good and Right
 - (ii) Universal Law (*Hukam*)
 - (iii) Duties and responsibilities
 - (iv) Fundamental virtues—wisdom, *dharma*, altruism.
8. Values
 - (i) Intrinsic and instrumental values

- (ii) Spiritual and secular values
- (iii) Hierarchy of values

SECTION—D

Socio-Political Thought

9. Key concepts of social and political philosophies
 - (i) Justice
 - (ii) Equality
 - (iii) Liberty
 - (iv) Power of authority
 - (v) Political obligation
10. Sikh Polity, *Sangat, Panj Pyare, Khalsa* (social structure)

SECTION-E

11. Ten short answer type questions covering the above four Sections.

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Sher Singh	:	<i>Philosophy of Sikhism.</i>
Sohan Singh	:	<i>The Seeker's Path</i>
Jodh Singh	:	<i>The Religious Philosophy of Guru Nanak</i>
Nirbhai Singh	:	<i>Philosophy of Sikhism</i>
Gurnam Kaur	:	<i>Reason and Revelation in Sikhism</i>
Avtar Singh	:	<i>Ethics of the Sikhs</i>
Santokh Singh	:	<i>Philosophical Foundations of the Sikh Value System</i>
Lajwanti Lahori	:	<i>The Concept of Man in Sikhism</i>
Bhagat Singh	:	<i>Sikh Polity</i>
Balkar Singh	:	<i>Sikh Rahaswad</i>
Teja Singh	:	<i>Karam and Transmigration</i>
Wazir Singh	:	<i>Phalsafa te Sikh Phalsafa</i>
Gopal Singh	:	<i>Thus Spoke the Tenth Master</i>
Gopal Singh	:	<i>God and Illusion</i>
Jodh Singh	:	<i>Sikh Sidhant : Saroop te Samartha</i>
Jodh Singh	:	<i>Sikh Bhagati : Saroop te Adhar.</i>

PAPER-VII (OPTION ii) : BHAGAT BANI AND DASAM GRANTH

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SECTION—A

1. Inclusion of *Bhagat Bani* (hymns) in the Guru Granth Sahib.
2. Namdev's Shabads and concept of Bithal in Namdev's Bani.

SECTION—B

3. (i) Religious and Philosophical significance of Kabir's Bavan Akhari and his *sloks*.
(ii) Concept of Mukti (Begampura) in Ravidas's hymns.
(iii) Baba Farid's views about realization.

SECTION—C

4. Dasam Granth—History of its compilation and editorial scheme.
5. Main themes of the compositions of the Dasam Granth.
6. Doctrinal identity of the Guru Granth Sahib and Dasam Granth.

SECTION—D

7. Conceptual Study of *Jaap Sahib and Akal Ustati* :
(i) Reality and Attributes.
(ii) Time and Eternity (*Kal te Akal*).
(iii) Unity of Mankind.

SECTION—E

8. Ten Short-answer type questions covering the above four Sections.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Rattan Singh Jaggi	:	<i>Dasam Granth ka Kartitav</i>
Dharam Pal Ashta	:	<i>The Poetry of Dasam Granth</i>
Taran Singh	:	<i>Dasam Granth : Rup te Ras</i>
Bhai Randhir Singh (ed.)	:	<i>Shabdarth Dasam Granth, Vol. I-III.</i>
Piara Singh Padam	:	<i>Dasam Granth Darshan</i>

Gopal Singh	:	<i>Thus Spoke the Tenth Master</i>
Balkar Singh	:	<i>Bhagat Namdev</i>
Darshan Singh	:	<i>A Study of Bhagat Ravidas</i>
Kirpal Singh	:	<i>Baba Farid di Sahitik Pratibha</i>
Upkar Singh	:	<i>Baba Farid te Unah di Rachna</i>
Diwan Singh	:	<i>Farid Darshan</i>
Gopal Singh	:	<i>Guru Gobind Singh</i>
Gurnam Kaur Bedi	:	<i>Guru Granth Sahib vich Darj Kabir Bani da Alochnatimik Adhian</i>
Rattan Singh Jaggi	:	<i>Dasam Granth Parichay</i>
Taran Singh and Balbir Singh	:	<i>Baba Farid—Jiwan te Rachna</i>

PAPER VIII OPTION (iii) : INTERRELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING & DIALOGUE**Time : 3 hrs.****Max. Marks : 80****Pass Marks : 28****INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER-SETTER**

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SECTION—A

Introduction to Religious Understanding.

1. Introduction—Religious Understanding & Dialogue.
2. Ultimate Reality in Semitic Traditions—Judaism, Christianity & Islam.

SECTION—B

3. Vedic & Sramanic Tradition.
4. Vedic & Sikh Tradition.

SECTION—C

Reality, Man and world

5. Semitic Tradition.
6. Indian Tradition.

SECTION—D

7. Birth
8. Death

SECTION—E

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

RECOMMENDED READINGS

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| Rajinder Kaur Rohi | : | <i>Semitic and Sikh Monotheism—A Comparative Study.</i> |
| G.R. Singh & C.W. David | : | <i>Judaism & Christianity.</i> |
| Leo Baeck | : | <i>Essence of Judaism.</i> |
| John Skinner | : | <i>Prophecy and Religion.</i> |
| Sher Singh | : | <i>Philosophy of Sikhism.</i> |
| Teja Singh | : | <i>Karam and Transmigration.</i> |
| Gopal Singh | : | <i>God and Illusion.</i> |
| Wazir Singh | : | <i>Phalsafa te Sikh Phalsafa.</i> |
| A.B. Keith | : | <i>Religion and Philosophy of Vedas and Upanisads</i> |
| T.M.P. Mahadevan | : | <i>Outlines of Hinduism.</i> |
| S. Radhakrishnan | : | <i>Indian Philosophy, 2 Vols.</i> |
| Ameer Ali | : | <i>The Spirit of Islam.</i> |
| Abdul Husan Ali Nadwi | : | <i>The Five Pillars of Islam.</i> |
| R.C. Bhatnagar | : | <i>Dimensions of Classical Sufi Thought.</i> |
| Sangharakshita | : | <i>A Survey of Buddhism.</i> |
| L.M. Joshi | : | <i>Studies in the Buddhistic Culture of India.</i> |
| A.K. Warder | : | <i>Indian Buddhism.</i> |
| Har Dayal | : | <i>Bodhisatra Doctrine in Buddhist, Sanskrit Literature.</i> |
| Sinclair Stevenson | : | <i>The Heart of Jainism.</i> |
| Schubring | : | <i>Doctrine of Jainism.</i> |
| N. Tatia | : | <i>Studies of Jain Philosophy.</i> |
| Frederic J. Streng | : | <i>Understanding Religious Life.</i> |
| Mircea Eliade & J.M. | : | <i>History of Religions.</i> |
| Kitagawa | : | <i>Essays in Methodology</i> |

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