

**WORLD SIKH UNIVERSITY LONDON**

**MA Semester Two**

Students must spend a minimum of three hours per week to revise their lectures and to complete their tutorials. Please print the following information along with your answersheets for each tutorial.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration: I solemnly declare that I spent \_\_\_\_\_ hours to study, research and complete this tutorial.

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Marks 30 Marks awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Marks obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tutorial Exercise: 1: Law – The Sikh Law, Gurdwara Acts  
The Practise of Sikhism and the World Legal Systems  
M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion  
Module: 203T**

Essays: Answer all questions

Time allowed: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

Note: It is suggested that the work should be word-processed. The work must also be submitted at the date indicated. Late work will be marked one grade lower.

1. Define the following:
  - a. Common law
  - b. Statutes
  - c. Codification
2. The specialist bani titled 'Jap' (Japji) contains the 'Basic Sikh Law'. Discuss
3. The practise of the Sikh religion has come into conflict with many legal systems all over the world. Discuss.

**Tutorial Exercise: 2: Law – The Sikh Law, Gurdwara Acts  
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1. The specialist bani titled 'Jap' (Japji) contains the 'Basic Sikh Law'. Discuss
2. The practise of the Sikh religion has come into conflict with many legal systems all over the world. Explain
3. Explain briefly important international legal pronouncements (legal systems, articles) which lists religious harassment and religious discrimination as offences punishable by law.

**Tutorial Exercise: 3: Law – The Sikh Law, Gurdwara Acts  
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1. Briefly discuss Sikh Gurdwara Acts [1925 & 1971].
2. What is the impact of the Madela-Dowell Lee case? Did it solve all problems for Sikhs practising their religion?

**Tutorial Exercise: 4: Law – The Sikh Law, Gurdwara Acts  
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Essays: Answer all questions

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1. What are the implications of International Conventions and Treatises on Sikhs in U.K? Discuss with reference to any two articles in the U.N. conventions and two articles in the EC conventions.
2. Discuss the importance of various Race Relations Acts.
3. What is the impact of the Madela-Dowell Lee case? Did it solve all problems for Sikhs practising their religion?

**Tutorial Exercise: 5: Law – The Sikh Law, Gurdwara Acts  
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1. Sikhs have almost lost their battle in France for wearing turbans in Schools. Discuss.
2. Most of the legal failures in the Sikh affairs, both in India and abroad, are due to lack of unity amongst the Sikhs. Discuss
3. Explain any two British legal cases which have helped Sikhs in wearing their articles of identity (faith) at the public places.

**Tutorial Exercise: 6: Law – The Sikh Law, Gurdwara Acts  
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1. Since arrival in U.K. and other Western countries, Sikhs have been fighting with the foreign law agencies to keep their articles of faith with dignity. Discuss this statement illustrating your answer with reference to various case laws.
2. Most of the legal failures in the Sikh affairs, both in India and abroad, are due to lack of unity amongst the Sikhs. Discuss

**Tutorial Exercise: 1: Dasam Granth – An Introduction**  
**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
**Module: 205 F**

Essays: Answer all questions

Time allowed: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

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1. The Sikhs have two holy scriptures which are revered in the same esteem by the Sikh people. Discuss
2. Give a brief history of the compilation of the Dasam Granth. What are your views of the authorship of this Granth?
3. Name two historical Gurdwaras where Dasam Granth and Guru Granth Sahib are ceremoniously placed side by side for the darshan.

**Tutorial Exercise: 2: Dasam Granth – An Introduction**  
**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
**Module: 205 F**

Essays: Answer all questions

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1. Discuss the subject matter of Dasam Granth, how is this different from the subject matter in Guru Granth Sahib.
2. Briefly explain the following:
  - a. Language of Dasam Granth.
  - b. Structure of compositions in Dasam Granth.
3. One school of scholars think that all compositions included in Dasam Granth are composed by Guru Gobind Singh. Discuss

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**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
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1. Chandi Charitar I, II and Var Bhagauti have narrated the same stories. Discuss
2. What do you think is the necessity and purpose of tales of Charitropakhyan? Should those be deleted from the Dasam Granth? Explain
3. Discuss briefly the text of the devotional compositions included in Dasam Granth.

**Tutorial Exercise: 4: Dasam Granth – An Introduction**  
**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
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Essays: Answer all questions

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1. What is the purpose and necessity of studying long compositions like Chaubis Avtars, Shastar Nam Mala etc as a part of Dasam Granth.? Discuss
2. Spiritual compositions form only 2% of the total compositions of Dasam Granth? Explain
3. It is believed that the authority and prerogative of Bhai Mani Singh to stamp a collection of compositions as a work of Guru Gobind Singh is both blasphemous and profane. Discuss

**Tutorial Exercise: 1: Philosophy of Hinduism**  
**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
**Module: 202 HH**

Essays: Attempt all questions

Discuss the main text of any one of the following Hindu scriptures:

1. Bhagvad Gita
2. Ramayan
3. Vedas

**Tutorial Exercise: 2: Philosophy of Hinduism**  
**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
**Module: 202 HH**

Essays: Attempt any three of the following questions

1. Explain the theory of life after death in Hinduism, highlighting the concept of Karmas and Heaven(s) and hell(s).
2. Explain the mode of Hindu prayer and its difference from the mode of the Sikh prayers..
3. What is the Hindu concept of God?
4. Explain the Hindu Ashrams (stages of life) in the voyage of life.

**Tutorial Exercise: 1: The Janam Sakhi Parampara**  
**M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion**  
**Module: 206 F**

Attempt both questions..

Time allowed: Minimum 2 - 4 hours

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1. Discuss, in general, the text of Janam Sakhis comparing your findings with story books of at least one other world religion. Can Janam Sakhis be counted as historical evidence of events mentioned therein?
2. Compare sakhis mentioned in Varan Bhai Gurdas and Puratan Janam Sakhis.

**Tutorial Exercise: 2: The Janam Sakhi Parampara  
M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion  
Module: 206 F**

Attempt both questions selecting wherein question ONE is compulsory..

Time allowed: Minimum 4 hours

Note: It is suggested that the work should be word-processed. The work must also be submitted at the date indicated. Late work will be marked one grade lower.

In 'Mehrban wali Janam Sakhi' there are listed 153 stories related to Guru Nanak's life. Choose any five sakhis which follow the Sikh tradition and five sakhis which do not follow the Sikh tradition. In your conclusion, you must state the reasons for choosing those sakhis.

**Tutorial Exercise: 3: The Janam Sakhi Parampara  
M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion  
Module: 206 F**

Attempt both questions.

Suggested Time: Approximate 4-5 hours

Note: It is suggested that the work should be word-processed. The work must also be submitted at the date indicated. Late work will be marked one grade lower.

1. Why Puratan Janam Sakhi is favoured by Sikh Scholars over other Janam Sakhis? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
2. Make a schedule/table listing the Sakhis which are common in all Janam Sakhis.

**Tutorial Exercise: 4: The Janam Sakhi Parampara  
M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion  
Module: 206 F**

Attempt both questions.

Suggested Time: Approximate 4-5 hours

Note: It is suggested that the work should be word-processed. The work must also be submitted at the date indicated. Late work will be marked one grade lower.

1. Janam Sakhis are a primary source of the study of Sikhism. Critically examine this statement.
2. Either - Guru Nanak Chamatkar of Bhai Vir Singh is also a very important source of Janam Sakhis. Discuss. Or Write a critical note on the Janam Sakhis of Mehrvan.

**Tutorial Exercise: 1: Philosophy of Islam  
M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion  
Module: 202 HI**

Essays: Attempt all questions

1. Explain the theory of life after death in Islam
2. Discuss the concepts of Hell and heaven as described in the holy Qoran.
3. Explain in detail the five Pillars of Islam

**Tutorial Exercise: 1: The Philosophy of Sikh Religion  
M.A. Comparative Studies of World Religion  
Module: 201T**

Attempt any four questions.

Time allowed: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

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From the first 30 precepts of your book 'The Sikh Ideology', select any four precepts of your choice and explain in detail the ideas discussed therein

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Attempt THREE questions selecting wherein question ONE is compulsory..

Time allowed: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

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- 1.Explain the Sikh concept of Nam, giving quotations from Guru Granth Sahib to supplement your explanation.
2. What is the difference between the words 'Har', 'Guru' and 'Satguru' as used in Guru Granth Sahib.
3. Discuss the Sikh concept of life after death, comparing it with an another religion of your choice.

**Tutorial Exercise: 3: The Philosophy of Sikh Religion  
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Module: 201T**

Answer all questions..

Time allowed: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

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1. Write short notes on:
  - a. The Sikh concept of God
  - b. The Sikh theory of Creation
  - c. The Sikh view of the causes of sufferings
  - d. The Sikh views of the grief and its antidote.
  - e. The Sikh traditions of the last rites
2. Comment on the use of the name 'Nanak' in the hymns composed by the Sikh Gurus.
3. Expand on the statement: 'Freedom of Actions and the Divine Rules'.

**Tutorial Exercise: 4: The Philosophy of Sikh Religion  
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Attempt all questions.

Time allowed: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

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1. According to one opinion, both 'The Mool Mantar' and 'Japji' were handed to Guru Nanak, personally by the

Almighty. Explain, highlighting the theme of Japji.

2. Explain in brief the main concepts of the master composition 'Japji Sahib.'

3. The banis of the Nitnem section of Guru Granth Sahib were specially chosen by the compilers of the Granth as representative banis of all compositions of the Granth, for the daily prayers. Discuss

**Tutorial Exercise: 5: The Philosophy of Sikh Religion**  
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Attempt All questions..

Time recommended: Minimum 4 - 6 hours

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1. Discuss the under current philosophy of the Bani titled 'Asa Di Var'.
2. From the Divine composition 'Japji', explain the following:
  - a. Questions posed in pauris 1 and 4
  - b. The making of a real Jogi – pauris 28 and 29
  - c. The Divine mint – pauri 38
  - d. The Divine residence – pauri 27
3. In Japji, the Divine raises the following questions:
  - a. Meaningless rituals – pauri 1
  - b. Modes of worship – pauris 3, 8-14
  - c. The mind [panja ka gur ek dhian]– pauri 16Explain the above, giving suggestions made by the Divine.

**Tutorial Exercise: 6: The Philosophy of Sikh Religion**  
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Attempt all questions

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1. Discuss briefly the text of the following:
  - a. Jaap Sahib
  - b. Sudha Swayas
2. Define the word 'Ardas'. Explain the three different parts of the Sikh Ardas as recommended by the Sikh Code of Conduct.

**Tutorial Exercise: 7: The Philosophy of Sikh Religion**  
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Attempt all questions

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1. Discuss briefly the text of the Sikh Ardas.
2. Guru Granth Sahib is a record of Guru-bani, Bhagat bani and many other compositions attributed to Bhhata, Satta and Balwand, Mardana and Baba Sundar.  
  
Critically examine the above statement and give clearly your own views.