

**WORLD SIKH UNIVERSITY LONDON**

**FOUNDATION COURSE**

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 revise my lesson and to prepare my tutorials.

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

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

**Tutorial Exercise: 1 (General Religions)**

Questions

1. Give the salient features of the religion you profess.
2. How is your religion different from other religions ?
3. What is the purpose and place of religion in the society ?
4. How in your own words you would describe God ?
5. Do you follow the rules of your religion ? If not, why not? if yes, then list the rules you follow and the rules you do not follow. (please give reasons)

**Tutorial Exercise: 2 (Sikhism)**

Questions

1. What is the difference between a Sikh, a Sahajdhari Sikh and a Khalsa. Please
2. explain in context with the definition of a Sikh given in Sikh Rehat Maryada (the Sikh Code of Conduct)
3. List the Bani and their authors which are prescribed as daily prayers for a Sikh. How do these banis differ from the banis which Guru Gobind Singh recited at the time of preparing khande da Amrit at Kesgarh Sahib in 1699.
4. List the primary sources (books/manuscripts etc.) of Sikh religion.
5. Define the word Takhat as used in the Sikh religion. List the Sikh takhats and their importance.
6. What was the purpose of initiating Sikh Religion when there existed so many other religions in India and abroad at the times of the founders of Sikh religion..

**Tutorial Exercise: 3 (Hinduism)**

Questions

1. What are the basic differences between Sikhism and Hinduism.
2. List the prominent Hindu gods and their consorts, explaining the powers and symbols associated with them..
3. List the primary sources (books/manuscripts etc) of Hinduism.
4. What is the subject matter of the following Hindu religious scriptures: . i-Vedas ii. Bhagvad Gita iii. Ramayan
5. Hinduism divides the time period of the existence of this world into Satyug. Treta, Dwapar and Kalyug.. Explain.

**Tutorial Exercise: 4 (Islam)**

Questions

1. What are the basic differences between Sikhism and Islam.
2. List the name of Caliphas who came after Prophet Mohamamed highlighting their contribution towards the spread of Islam. Is there an equivalent of Caliphas in Sikhism/Hinduism.

3. Who is a Muslim ? Do Muslims accept converts ? . What are the fundamental beliefs of a true Muslim?
4. What is the subject matter of the following Islamic religious books:
5. i. Holy Qoran ii. Hadith. Are there equivalents of these holy books in the Sikh and Hindu religions? If yes, list their names.
6. For a practising Muslim, the Shariat prescribes five fundamental duties. Explain these duties comparing them with the duties of a practising Sikh/Hindu.

**Tutorial Exercise: 5 (Jainism)**

Questions

1. What are the basic differences between Sikhism and Jainism.
2. Discuss the main teachings of Jainism, comparing, where appropriate, with the teachings of your own faith (please specify your faith).
3. Comment on the main vows of a Jain.
4. Explain briefly the subject matter of the scripture/s of Jainism
5. Explain the reasons of the small numbers of Jains in the world..

**Tutorial Exercise: 6 (Christianity)**

Questions

1. What are the basic differences between Sikhism and Christianity.
2. Discuss the main teachings of Christianity, comparing, where appropriate, with the teachings of your own faith/ one other faith (please specify your faith).
3. Discuss the main beliefs of Christianity comparing them with the fundamental beliefs of Sikhism.
4. Explain briefly the subject matter of the scripture/s of Christianity
5. Explain the reasons of the spread of Christianity in the world. Discuss the rise of RSS and VHP against Christianity in India.

**Tutorial Exercise: 7 (Buddhism)**

Questions

1. What are the basic differences between Sikhism and Buddhism.
2. Discuss the main teachings of Buddhism, comparing, where appropriate, with the teachings of your own faith/ one other faith (please specify your faith).
3. Discuss the main beliefs of Buddhism comparing them with the fundamental beliefs of Sikhism.
4. Explain briefly the subject matter of the scripture/s of Buddhism
5. Explain the reasons of the spread of Buddhism outside India rather than inside India.. Discuss the role of Acharays in curbing the Buddhist movement in India..

**Tutorial Exercise: 8 (Judaism)**

Questions

1. What are the basic differences between Sikhism and Judaism
2. Explain the main beliefs/ teachings of Mosses, comparing, where appropriate, with the teachings of your own faith/ one other faith (please specify your faith).
3. Explain briefly the subject matter of the scripture/s of Judaism
4. Discuss the reasons of the limited spread of Judaism explaining briefly the havoc of the holocaust of second world war.

**Tutorial Exercise 9 (Comparative studies)**

Questions

1. Make a table showing the names, composers, languages, structures and themes of the world scriptures
2. What are the focal points of prayers in the temples of the world known religions.
3. Explain in detail the beliefs of the world religions in the concept of life after death.
4. All world religions are founded on the premise of universal love. Why, then, there is so much bloodshed in the name of religions all around the world. Discuss quoting example from different countries.