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UNDERGRADUATE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION: OCTOBER 2025

SEMESTER 5: LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER (OPEN COURSE)

COURSE: 19U5OCLLT1: LEARNING TO LIVE TOGETHER: INSIGHTS FROM INTER RELIGIOUS SCRIPTURAL STUDY

(For Regular 2023 Admission and Supplementary 2022/2021/2020/2019 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

PART A

Answer any ten questions; each question carries 2 marks.

- 1. What is the role of religion in shaping human dignity?
- 2. State two ways equity can be practiced in daily life.
- 3. Mention two contributions of gender equality to social development.
- 4. How can interfaith dialogue address global challenges?
- 5. Why is interpretation important while reading sacred texts?
- 6. Give two examples of inclusive customs.
- 7. How do living traditions maintain continuity across generations?
- 8. Mention one positive and one negative impact of social stratification.
- 9. How can rituals bring well-being in personal life?
- 10. Why must boundaries be respected in pluralistic living?
- 11. State one way comparative theology enhances empathy.
- 12. Mention one religious festival that highlights ecological values.
- 13. How do minorities enrich the cultural fabric of a society?
- 14. Give an example of how equality and justice work together.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20)$

PART B

Answer any five questions; each question carries 3 marks)

- 15. Explain how festivals can be occasions for building bridges between religions and communities.
- 16. Discuss the role of customs in shaping inter-generational respect and unity.
- 17. Suggest practical ways to address inequalities in society through religious teachings.
- 18. How can the concept of "goal of life" guide youth in making ethical choices?
- 19. Discuss the role of minorities in enriching the cultural life of a nation.
- 20. Why is inter-textual reading of scriptures important in the study of religions?
- 21. How can gender sensitivity improve relationships in families and workplaces?
- 22. Suggest ways comparative theology can resolve conflicts between communities.

 $(3 \times 5 = 15)$

PART C

Answer any five questions; each question carries 5 marks.

- 23. Evaluate the role of justice in overcoming social stratification and inequality.
- 24. "Rituals can be both inclusive and exclusive." Discuss with examples.
- 25. How do gender, sex, and sexuality issues influence inter-personal relationships in society?
- 26. Compare two religions on how they practice interfaith dialogue in modern contexts.
- 27. How can sacred texts be interpreted to promote peace rather than conflict?
- 28. Explain how boundaries in life help in achieving both personal freedom and social responsibility.
- 29. Analyze the importance of festivals as community-building exercises in a pluralistic society.
- 30. Discuss how interfaith dialogue contributes to sustainable development and global cooperation.

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

PART D

Answer any one question; 15 marks.

- 31. Imagine you are a social reformer. Write a proposal to integrate interfaith dialogue, equality, and justice into local community life.
- 32. "Religion should be a source of healing, not division." Critically analyze this statement using examples from rituals, festivals, and scriptures.
- 33. Draft a reflective essay on how the boundaries of life—ethical, cultural, and spiritual—help build a just and inclusive society.

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