

. University of Mysore

Syllabus for Ph. D. Entrance Exam

. CHRISTIANTY

UNIT I Study of the Old Testament

1. Introduction to the Old Testament
2. Book of Genesis
3. Book of Exodus
4. Covenant Theology
5. History of Prophetic Traditions and Books
6. Prophetic Literature
7. Wisdom Literature
8. Books of Psalms

UNIT II Study of the New Testament

1. General Introduction to the Gospels
2. The Geography and Provinces of Palestine at the time of Jesus
3. The Gospel according to Mark
4. The Gospel according to Matthew.
5. The Gospel according to Luke
6. The Gospel according to John
7. Titles of Jesus and their Old Testament Background
8. St. Paul – Life and Teachings
9. Pauline Theologies and Pauline Spirituality

UNIT III Comparative Study of Religions

1. The Nature, Scope, Aim, Approaches and Goals of the Comparative Study of Religions
2. The Basic Features of Religions
3. The Holy Scriptures and Sacred Writings of Religions
4. The Beliefs, Rituals, Practices and Festivals in Religions
5. Broad outlines of World's Major Religious Traditions

UNIT IV Indian Christian Theology

1. Theology in the History of the Church
2. Indian Christian Theology
3. Sources of Theological Tradition
4. Essential Requirements in the Formulation of Indian Christian Theology.
5. Indian Acharyas and their teachings in the context of Renascent India.
6. Theology in the context of secular ideologies in India.
7. Jesus vision of a new Society in the Indian Context

UNIT V Indian Christian Spirituality

1. Introduction to Biblical Spirituality.
2. History of Christian Spirituality
3. Hinduism and its Important Elements for Indian Christian Spirituality
4. Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and their Elements for Christian Spirituality
5. Spirituality of Bhagavad- Gita and New Testament

UNIT VI The Church and Social Teachings

1. General Understanding of the Church
2. Models of the Church in History
3. Church of the Poor and with the Poor
4. Social Teachings before II Vatican Council
5. Social Teachings after the II Vatican Council
6. General Introduction to Oriental Churches
7. General Characteristics of the Eastern Churches and Spirituality

UNIT VII Christian Mysticism in the Indian Context

1. Introduction to Mysticism: Its Definition Characteristics, Scope and Methods
2. Universal Call to Mysticism
3. Hindu- Christian Meeting Point in Mysticism
4. The Mystical Dimensions of Contemporary Christian Mystics.
5. Contemporary Indian Mystics.

UNIT VIII- Inter-Religious Dialogue

1. Harmony of Religions and interfaith dialogue.
2. The Emerging Christian Theology of Inter-Religions Dialogue.
3. The Uniqueness and Universality of Jesus Christ in the Context of Inter- Religions Dialogue.
4. The Christian Understanding of Other Religions.
5. The Post-Council Praxis of Dialogue at Christian Ashrams and Inter-Religious Centers

UNIT IX Sacraments

1. The nature and meaning of Sacraments
2. Sacraments of Initiation and related Samskaras of Other Indian Religions
3. Sacraments of Reconciliation and related Samskaras in Other Indian Religions
4. Marriage and Family Life in Christianity and in Other Indian Religions
5. Anointing of the Sick and the Healing Power of Listening

UNIT X Enculturation in India

1. Origin and Development of the Concept of Culture
2. Basic Components of Culture
3. Introduction to Enculturation
4. Bases of Enculturation
5. Enculturation in Liturgy
6. Enculturation in Spirituality