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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026
Third Semester
M.A. Philosophy
M23PH01DE – Asian-African Philosophy
(2024 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Which ethical practice is based on three jewels as key parts of life?
2. Name the western thinker whose metaphysical framework is known as the “unmoved mover”?
3. Who is known as the patron deity of Tibet?
4. Which section of Mahayana Sutra covers Buddha’s death and teachings?
5. Which concept in African philosophy emphasizes shared responsibility and mutual care?
6. Name the collection of Buddhist scriptures in Chinese.
7. Who is the author of the Chinese text Tao-te ching?
8. What is *ren* in Confucianism?
9. Name the three types of soul’s journey according to Sadra.
10. Who asserts that Islamic teachings based on revelation contradicts the philosophers’ claim?
11. Which dynasty is regarded as the golden age in Chinese history?
12. Whose concept is known as ‘Four Beginnings’ in Confucianism?
13. What is meant by Illuminationist philosophy?
14. Name the two divisions of Buddhism.
15. What are the two different causes put forward by Ibn Sina?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. How does the early period of African philosophy affect its history and development?
17. Examine Confucius’s contribution to Education.

18. What are the Three Treasures in Taoist Philosophy?
19. State the peculiarities of Tang dynasty.
20. What are the key principles behind new models of governance for Africa?
21. Define compassion in the context of Taoist philosophy.
22. Why is Tibetan Buddhism known as “a science of the mind”?
23. What are the main characteristics of Chinese philosophy?
24. What are the challenges faced by Buddhism in East Asia?
25. How is the notion of *Wuwei* connected to Taoist political philosophy?

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. What is the purpose of analyzing demonstrative arguments in Logic?
27. Write a note on Confucianism and how they foster moral values.
28. What are the contributions of Tien-Tai school to Chinese Buddhism?
29. Discuss the importance of Al-Ghazali’s theological framework.
30. Discuss how Buddhism arrived and evolved in Japan.
31. Explain how Mulla Sadra differentiated between relational being and independent being.
32. Examine ‘*Ziran*’ as a central concept of Taoism.
33. How does Al-Farabi divide Logic on the basis of Aristotle’s Organon?

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Evaluate the historical development of Buddhism in Japan.
35. Examine Mulla Sadra’s core philosophical system. Does it differ from other Islamic philosophical traditions?
36. Analyze the metaphysical and cosmological views of Al- Farabi.
37. Elucidate the major schools of Tibetan Buddhism and their philosophical doctrines.
38. Discuss the ethical and political ideas embedded in Confucianism.
39. Describe how Buddhism adapted to Chinese culture and influenced the development of Chinese philosophical and religious tradition.

(10X3=30)