



**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS AND CIVILIZATIONS**

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**Syllabus For M.A Entrance Test – 2021-2022**

The Entrance Test for M.A, Comparative Religions shall be based on two types of questions: **(A) Multiple Choice Questions (60 Marks)**; each question of 01 mark and **(B) Descriptive or Essay Type Questions (40 marks)**

Questions for each sections (A & B) shall require candidates/examinees to have good and broad knowledge of the following:

1. Major world religions in all its aspects, viz, their history, Sacred texts/Scriptures, Philosophies, Doctrines, Practices, Sectarian developments, their growth, Reforms and Revivalist movements, Pilgrimage and Holy/Sacred places, etc. Thus, it shall include multi-dimensional study of World Religions, like Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity Islam and the various indigenous religions.
2. Early Religious traditions, Animism, Myths and Taboos, the distinction between 'Sacred' and 'Profane'.
3. Basic knowledge of Ancient Civilizations of the world.
4. Influential social political and religious thinkers and theorists of the world, e.g., Karl Marx, Max Weber, Durkheim, M N Srinivas, William James and Hegel along with Ibn Sina, Al Ghazali
5. Issues of religion and reformation and the dynamics of change and social realism, Bhakti, Sufism and Socio-Religious Reform Movements of 19th & 20th century India.