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V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/ Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN PHILOSOPHY
5B11PHI : Mysticism

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A
(Short Answer)

Answer **all** questions. **Each** answer carries **1** mark.

1. Name the author of 'Canticle of the Sun'.
2. Distinguish between Saguna and Nirguna bhakti.
3. Write a note on Lal Ded.
4. Name two works of Jalāl al-Dīn Muḥammad Rūmī.
5. Write a note on Hafēz.
6. Name two poems of Kabir.

(6×1=6)

PART – B
(Short Essay)

Answer **any six** questions. **Each** answer carries **2** marks.

7. How does the Christian tradition conceive union with God ?
8. Explain the notion of Satori in Zen Buddhism.
9. Write a note on 'intoxicated mysticism'.
10. Bring to light the notion of emptiness as described by Tukaram.

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11. Trace the regional variations in the bhakti traditions in India.
12. Write a note on 'The God Who Only Knows Four Words'.
13. Bring to light the mysticism of Akka Mahadevi.
14. Explain birth and nature in Zen Buddhism.

(6×2=12)

PART – C
(Essay)

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** answer carries **3** marks.

15. Examine the relationship between experience and interpretation the context of mysticism.
16. Explore the relationship between mysticism and reason.
17. Explain the elements of mysticism in Kabir's 'Love of Rama'.
18. Analyze the notion of systematization in Islamic mysticism.
19. Prepare an appreciation of 'Canticle of the Sun'.
20. Bring to light the mysticism of St. Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. (4×3=12)

PART – D
(Long Essay)

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** answer carries **5** marks.

21. What is a rhetorical paradox ? How does Lao Tzu explain a rhetorical paradox ?
22. Examine elements of mysticism in the Christian tradition.
23. Explain the interrelationship between reason, religion and mysticism.
24. Bring out the contributions of the bhakti tradition to mysticism. (2×5=10)