

Ex/CBCS/CL/UG/DSE/6.4/2023 (S)

BACHELOR OF ARTS SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, 2023

(3rd Year, 6th Semester)

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

UG/CL/ DSE/6.4A

(Journey Through Western and Indian Thought)

Full Marks: 30

Time: Two Hours

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer all questions either in English or in Bangla
but all *three* in the same language

1 (a) Looking at the *Dhammapada* and the *Jataka* tales, examine how Buddhism presented an ethical critique of Brahmanical orthodoxy.

Or

1 (b) Examine the role of Sufism in orienting the literary community of medieval India to Islam, with textual references.

2(a) Compare the treatment of the Democratic Polis/City by Aristotle and Al-Farabi.

Or

2(b) Discuss the influence of Epicurus on More and Marx.

3(a) How does the *Annihilation of Caste* operate as a critique of the universalist claims of Indian nationalism? Discuss with reference to Ambedkar's text and Gandhi's response.

Or

3(b) Immanuel Kant described the Enlightenment as man's emergence from his self-imposed nonage. Could you trace this philosophic impulse behind Kant's favouring the moral argument of transcendental theology over any theology based on speculative principles to prove God's existence? Draw references from the texts discussed.