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**RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD**

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**ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. As a general category the term “world religion” is classificatory and misleading. Critically examine this contention.
2. “Men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it …….. Where true religion has prevented one crime, false religions have afforded a pretext for a thousand”. (Charles Caleb Colton)

Analyse this contention in the light of the difficulties associated with the definition of religion.

1. Hinduism is a false conceptualization for no two Hindus look alike. Discuss.
2. **EITHER**
3. Discuss the relevance of the Buddha’s teachings to the contemporary world pervaded with moral decadence and ethics of corruption.

**OR**

1. Examine the similarities and differences between Hinayana and Mahayana forms of Buddhism.
2. Assess the notion that Taoism and Confucianism are at heart two expressions of the same concept.
3. Critically analyse the implication of Jain fundamental teachings for an environmental ethic.
4. Islam is perceived as a ‘way of life’, evaluate how the principle practices or duties can be applied in combating HIV and AIDS pandemic today.
5. The message of Baha’i faith is the primary God-given instrument that will make world unity possible, since all the religions of the world are divine in origin, and that their basic principles are in complete harmony. Discuss

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