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M.A. PHILOSOPHY

Term-End Examination

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MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer all the five questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Define religion. Discuss the necessity of organized religions and explain how religion is related to philosophy ? 20

OR

Give a detailed account of the origin and development of materialism in Western Philosophical tradition. 20

2. What do you understand by religious tolerance ? Explain it in the Indian context and history. What is the significance of promoting it today ? 20

OR

What is deism ? How do deists relate God and creation in their philosophy ? Explain the impact of modern science in the development of deism. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain the Philosophical roots of Modern Atheism. 10
 - (b) Describe in detail various elements of rituals. 10
 - (c) Write short essay on neurotheology. 10
 - (d) Briefly explain the argument from religious experience for the existence of God. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) Briefly explain the relation between Philosophy of religion and Metaphysics. 5
 - (b) Describe the Aristotelian Classification of the Sciences. 5
 - (c) What do you understand by charismatic experiences ? 5
 - (d) Explain evil as privation. 5
 - (e) Differentiate between univocal and equivocal language. 5
 - (f) Write a note on the existential theism of Soren Kierk-gard. 5
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5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Panentheism 4
 - (b) Mystical experiences 4
 - (c) Agnosticism 4
 - (d) Immanence 4
 - (e) Types of theism 4
 - (f) Myth 4
 - (g) Secularism 4
 - (h) Creed, Code and Cult 4

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all the five questions.*
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1. Define religious experience. Describe various types of religious experiences. Do you think religious experiences can be attained through training ? Explain. 20

OR

Explain the verification and falsification principles of language. Make a detailed analysis of the responses provided against the two. 20

2. Define problem of evil. Give a detailed account of Indian and Western perspective of evil. 20

OR

What is atheism? Describe various types of atheism. Discuss in detail the philosophical and socio-cultural roots of modern atheism. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain briefly the relation between philosophy and religion. 10
 - (b) Elaborate creed, code and cult, the three 'C' s of organised religion. 10
 - (c) Define agnosticism. Differentiate between weak and strong agnosticism. 10
 - (d) How do deists relate god and creation in their philosophy ? Explain. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) Describe regenerative experiences. 5
 - (b) Explain priest as intermediary between god and people. 5
 - (c) Differentiate between determinism and indeterminism. 5
 - (d) Point out the basic teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa. 5
 - (e) What is idealistic theism of George Berkeley? 5
 - (f) Briefly explain the philosophy of irreligion. 5

5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100** words each :
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| (a) The Buddha experience. | 4 |
| (b) Pantheism | 4 |
| (c) Sacred space | 4 |
| (d) The eternal return | 4 |
| (e) Myth | 4 |
| (f) Symbolism | 4 |
| (g) Historical materialism | 4 |
| (h) Neurotheology | 4 |



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(iii) *Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*
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1. Explain the philosophy of Religion. Illustrate its relation to other disciplines. 20

OR

- Define religious experience. Discuss the various types of religious experiences. 20

2. Discuss the views of modern philosophers on the existence of God. 20

OR

- What is the problem of evil ? Give an account of the theories of evil in western perspective. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 250 words each :

- (a) Distinguish between theism, atheism and a - theism. 10
- (b) Describe the views of Madhva on God. 10
- (c) Explain how Marx and Engels had provided comprehensive theories of knowledge, society and history. 10
- (d) Elucidate the Indian understanding on the problem of evil. 10

4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each :

- (a) Differentiate between strong and weak agnosticism. 5
- (b) Write a note on the existential theism of Soren Kierkegaard. 5
- (c) Compare the materialism of ancient India and Greece. 5
- (d) What are the three sciences according to Aristotle ? 5
- (e) Explain Monotheism. 5
- (f) Write a note on the religious tolerance in Islam. 5

5. Write short notes on *any five* of the following in about **100** words each :

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Myth | 4 |
| (b) Sacred | 4 |
| (c) Kathenotheism | 4 |
| (d) Dialectical materialism | 4 |
| (e) Falsification principle | 4 |
| (f) Upasana and Prapathi | 4 |
| (g) Religious language | 4 |
| (h) Aurobindo's philosophy of reality | 4 |



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- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*
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(iii) *Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Explain and examine the scope and importance of religion. 20

OR

Critically examine the verification principle and falsification principle. 20

2. What is the role of priest in religious activities ? 20
How does sacred time and space contribute to the understanding of religions ?

OR

Define rituals. What are the characteristics and elements of rituals. Do you think that liturgy is an important aspect of religious structure ? 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each.

(a) What was the major difference between the English materialism and the French materialism. 10

(b) Give an account of Ramanuja's view of God. 10

- (c) Elaborate the Indian understanding of the problem of evil. 10
- (d) Explain Descarte's view on the existence of God. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each.

- (a) Distinguish between monotheism and monism. 5
- (b) Do you agree that christianity goes slightly away from the traditional monotheism of Judaism and Islam? 5
- (c) What do you understand by the 'blind leap of faith' according to the Existentialists? 5
- (d) Explain agnosticism. 5
- (e) What are the different types of cosmological arguements? 5
- (f) Describe religious experience. 5

5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each.

- (a) Avidya 4
- (b) Five Sadhanas 4
- (c) Ramakrishna's nirvikalpa samadhi. 4
- (d) God as the perfect monad. 4
- (e) Three C's organised religion 4
- (f) Fideism 4
- (g) Prapatti 4
- (h) Secularism 4

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*
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(iii) *Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. How do you understand 'Religion' ? Clarify the nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion. 20

OR

Write an essay on the different aspects of 'The Sacred'. How is it significant for the religious structures ? 20

2. Clarify Theism, Atheism and A-Theism. Discuss various types of theism. 20

OR

Briefly mention the traditional arguments for the existence of God. Explain Hume's critique of these arguments. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :

- (a) Explain how language is used in the analogical way in religious discourses. 10
(b) Explain various western approaches to the problem of God. 10

- (c) Discuss various types of atheism. 10
- (d) Explain the five methods of Salvation (Sadhanas) according to Nimbarka. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What are the three sciences according to Aristotle ? 5
- (b) How do you understand 'Numinous' ? 5
- (c) Briefly describe the various elements in rituals. 5
- (d) Differentiate Monism from Monotheism. 5
- (e) Write a short note on Religious Tolerance and Bhakti movement. 5
- (f) Describe Existential Theism. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Fideism 4
- (b) Mana 4
- (c) Myth 4
- (d) Neurotheology 4
- (e) Apriori and Religious knowledge 4
- (f) Secularism 4
- (g) Immanence 4
- (h) Panentheism 4
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- (i) *Answer all **five** questions.*
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1. Make an attempt to define the Philosophy of Religion. Explain how Philosophy of Religion is a critical appraisal of Religion. 20

OR

What is religious experience and how is it different from other experiences ? Describe the different types of religious experiences. 20

2. Explain the classical form of 'argument from evil'. Discuss the various western explanations of the problem of evil. 20

OR

Describe the philosophical foundations of modern atheism. Explain how atheism is related to naturalism, materialism and secularism. 20

3. Answer any *two* of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) What is the relation between Myth, Religion and Philosophy ? Explain. 10

(b) What is the significance of language-game for our understanding of religious language ? Explain. 10

(c) Explain Kant's idea of God. 10

(d) How does Shankara differ from Ramanuja on the nature of God and Maya ? 10

4. Answer any *four* of the following in about 150 words each :

(a) How can we be aware of our own prejudices ? 5

(b) What are the functions of liturgy ? 5

(c) Explain Augustine's Theodicy. 5

(d) Explain the basic philosophy of Nimbarka. 5

(e) Discuss the position of Agnostics on God. 5

(f) Write a short note on Ramkrishna Paramahansa's concept of the world. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about 100 words each :

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|-------------------------|---|
| (a) Pantheism | 4 |
| (b) Religious Tolerance | 4 |
| (c) Mysticism | 4 |
| (d) Polytheism | 4 |
| (e) Spinoza on God | 4 |
| (f) Process Theodicy | 4 |
| (g) Karma | 4 |
| (h) Prapatti | 4 |



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Note : (i) *Answer all the five questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

(iii) *Answers to question no.1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

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1. Describe philosophy of religion and substantiate that religion is an essential aspect of human life. 20

OR

Totemism, Pantheism, Polytheism, Monotheism and Monism could be understood as the developing stages of religion and the understanding of the concept of God. Explain. 20

2. Explain in detail how Nietzsche, Marx and Freud (Masters of suspicion) understand religion. 20

OR

What is religious language? "Religious Language participates in symbolizing the divinity". Discuss. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) What are the basic elements of any organised religion ? 10
 - (b) Explain the philosophical roots of modern atheism. 10
 - (c) Critically evaluate the agnostic approach to the reality of God. 10
 - (d) Give an exposition of the theories of evil from the Indian perspective. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What are the important elements of Rituals ? 5
 - (b) Briefly explain the Marxian Materialism. 5
 - (c) What do you understand by Nirguna Brahman ? 5
 - (d) Describe John Hick's theodicy. 5
 - (e) What is the Visistadvaita understanding of Reality ? 5
 - (f) Briefly explain invalution and evaluation. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Neurotheology 4
 - (b) Sufism 4
 - (c) Sacred 4
 - (d) Symbolism of the centre 4
 - (e) Deism 4
 - (f) Bhakti movement 4
 - (g) Existential Theism 4
 - (h) Idealistic Theism 4

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all the five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Explain the basic teachings of Raman Maharshi. 20

OR

Elaborate and explain the relation between myth, religion and philosophy. 20

2. Give an exposition of 'Religious - experience' and explain the various types of Religious - experience. 20

OR

Make a critical assessment of modern materialistic philosophy and its influence on religious thinking. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) What are the important elements of worship and liturgy ? 10

(b) God experience is generally "Mysterious awe-inspiring". Explain. 10

- (c) Make a critical assessment of Deism and its various facets. 10
- (d) Critically evaluate the cosmological arguments of St. Thomas Aquinas. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :

- (a) Explain the concept of ritual. 5
- (b) Describe Sankara's understanding of God. 5
- (c) What do you understand by Monotheism and Monism ? 5
- (d) What is the philosophy of Irreligion ? 5
- (e) Who are the philosophers known as 'Masters of Suspicion' and why ? 5
- (f) Give the context of UN declaration of religious tolerance. 5

5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :

- (a) Anthropie Principles 4
- (b) Zew - experience 4
- (c) The free will argument 4
- (d) Upasana and Prapatti 4
- (e) Symbolism of Threshold 4
- (f) Agnostieism 4
- (g) Univocal Language 4
- (h) Pragmatic Theism 4

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Note : (i) Answer all five questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Define Philosophy of Religion. Explain the necessity of Organised Religion. 20

OR

Critically analyse the theories of evil from the Western and Indian perspectives. 20

2. Explain the four types of religious experiences and the factors involved in it. 20

OR

What do you mean by theism ? Explain the different types and kinds of theism. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) What were some of the social factors that contributed to the emergence of modern atheism ? 10

- (b) What is the modern relationship between myth, religion and philosophy ? Explain. 10
- (c) Briefly explain the aspects of religious tolerance in India. 10
- (d) Discuss the views of Descartes and Hume on the existence of God. 10
4. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) Distinguish between verification principle and falsification principle. 5
- (b) What are the various elements in rituals ? 5
- (c) Briefly explain Aurobindo's philosophy of Human person. 5
- (d) Who are the 'masters of suspicion' ? Why are they called so ? 5
- (e) Briefly explain the three 'Cs' of Organised Religion. 5
- (f) What do you understand by Deism ? 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Materialism 4
- (b) Religions language 4
- (c) Neurotheology 4
- (d) Three sciences according to Aristotle 4
- (e) Existential theism 4
- (f) Moral Argument for the existence of God 4
- (g) Equivocal language 4
- (h) Functions of liturgy 4
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Note : (i) Answer all five questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answers to question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Discuss the important features of materialism in modern philosophy. 20

OR

Explain the concept of 'Sacred' in religion and its temporal aspects. How do sacred time and sacred space contribute to the understanding of religions? 20

2. Explain the concept of God in the philosophy of contemporary western thinkers. 20

OR

Define and describe deism and agnosticism and their various facets. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :
- (a) Highlight the importance of worship and liturgy in religion. 10
 - (b) Give an account of Madhva's view of God. 10
 - (c) How do you respond to positivist's idea of religion ? 10
 - (d) Explain the theories of evil from the western perspective. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What is the necessity of organised religion ? 5
 - (b) Briefly explain deism. 5
 - (c) What is Bacon's Rational Method ? 5
 - (d) Describe pragmatic theism. 5
 - (e) Briefly explain Kant's idea of God. 5
 - (f) Enumerate different types of religious experiences. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Monotheism 4
 - (b) Plotinus' idea of God 4
 - (c) Mystical Experience 4
 - (d) Bhakti movement 4
 - (e) Typology of evil 4
 - (f) Naturalism 4
 - (g) Anthropic principle 4
 - (h) Univocal language 4
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- Note :* (i) *Answer all five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answer to question No. 1 and 2 should be about 500 words each.*
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1. Describe the necessity for organised religion and show the three C's of organised religion. 20

OR

Discuss the relationship between myth, religion and philosophy. 20

2. Make a critical evaluation of religious language in detail. 20

OR

Describe the 'Sacred' and its significance in religion. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) How do you distinguish Atheism from A-theism ? Explain. 10

- (b) Briefly explain the problem of evil. 10
- (c) Discuss the scholastic arguments for the existence of god. 10
- (d) Describe the significance of Madhva's philosophy for religion. 10
4. Answer any four of the following is about 150 words each :
- (a) What is the basic teaching of Ramana Maharshi ? 5
- (b) What do you understand by Naturalism ? 5
- (c) Describe the origin and significance of Agnosticism. 5
- (d) Briefly describe the "mystery of religion". 5
- (e) What is the Anthropic principle ? 5
- (f) Describe religious tolerance in the Western World. 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each.
- (a) Rituals 4
- (b) Falsification principle 4
- (c) Numinous 4
- (d) Deism 4
- (e) St. Augustine's Theodicy 4
- (f) Nimbarka 4
- (g) Idealistic Theism 4
- (h) Aurobindo 4
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- Note :*
- (i) Answer all five questions.*
 - (ii) All questions carry equal marks.*
 - (iii) Answers to questions 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Write an essay on the philosophical contributions of Rama Krishna Paramahansa and Ramana Maharshi towards religion. 20

OR

Examine the relationship between myth, religion and philosophy. 20

2. Give your critique of materialism and its modern versions. 20

OR

Elaborate the problem of evil. 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain the origin and significance of Deism. 10
 - (b) Explain the socio - cultural roots of modern atheism. 10
 - (c) What is the relationship between philosophy and science. Discuss. 10
 - (d) Which are the three sciences according to Aristotle ? Explain. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) What is a regenerative experience ? 5
 - (b) Describe the role of priest hood in religions. 5
 - (c) Write a note on religious tolerance in the Western world. 5
 - (d) What is the moral argument for the existences of god ? 5
 - (e) What is the contribution of Anselm of Canterbury to the understanding of god ? 5
 - (f) Give the main tenets of Ramanuja's Philosophy of god. 5

5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Karl Rahner 4
 - (b) Numinous 4
 - (c) Emile Durkheim 4
 - (d) Rituals 4
 - (e) Edict of Nantes 4
 - (f) Fideism 4
 - (g) Zeitgeist 4
 - (h) Metaphysics 4

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(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

(iii) *Answers to question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Define Philosophy of Religion. Explain the necessity of Organized Religion. 20

OR

Discuss the three prominent approaches to religious language. 20

2. Define Deism and highlight its various facets. 20

OR

Explain the main tenets in the philosophy of Ramanuja and his objections to Adi Sankara. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) Examine the theories of evil from the western perspective. 10

(b) What do you mean by rituals ? Explain the seven elements of rituals. 10

(c) Explain the different kinds of theism. 10

(d) Discuss the relationship between myth, religion and philosophy. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) Distinguish between verification principle and Falsification principle. 5
 - (b) State the four characteristics of mystical experiences according to William James. 5
 - (c) Enumerate the arguments put forward by St. Thomas Aquinas to prove the existence of God. 5
 - (d) Briefly explain the basic teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa. 5
 - (e) How is atheism differentiated from a - theism ? 5
 - (f) Distinguish between weak and strong agnosticism. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Sacred and Profane 4
 - (b) Types of evil 4
 - (c) Three kinds of sciences according to Aristotle. 4
 - (d) Neurotheology 4
 - (e) Bhakti movement 4
 - (f) Functions of liturgy 4
 - (g) Five Sadhanas of Nimbarka 4
 - (h) Moral argument for the existence of God 4
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Note : (i) Answer all the five questions.

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(iii) Answers to question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Define theism. Explain the different types of theism. 20

OR

Discuss the important features of materialism in modern philosophy. 20

2. Explain the four types of religious experiences and the factors involved in it. 20

OR

Explain the terms and concepts used in the understanding of 'rituals' and discuss the various elements contained in it. 20

3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) Highlight the importance of worship and liturgy in religion. 10

(b) Discuss the views of modern philosophers on existence of God. 10

- (c) Examine Durkheim's view of God. 10
- (d) Explain the theories of evil from the Indian perspective. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) Briefly explain the three 'C's in organised religion. 5
- (b) Differentiate between weak and strong agnosticism. 5
- (c) How does anthropic principle contribute to a better understanding of philosophy of God ? 5
- (d) Explain briefly Aurobindo's philosophy of Reality. 5
- (e) Describe Kant's idea of God. 5
- (f) Which are the temporal aspects in the phenomenon of the sacred and the profane according to Mircea Eliade ? 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about 100 words each :
- (a) Philosophy and science 4
- (b) Logical positivists 4
- (c) Myth 4
- (d) Atheism and a theism 4
- (e) Teleological argument for the existence of God 4
- (f) Adi Sankara's Advaita 4
- (g) Bhakti movement 4
- (h) Religious language 4
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Note : Attempt all the five questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answer to Question Nos.

1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Explain the nature and scope of philosophy of religion. 20

Or

Examine the different types of religious experiences and the factors involved in it.

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2. Discuss the theories of evil from the Western and Indian perspectives. 20

Or

What do you mean by Theism ? Explain the different kinds and types of theism.

3. Answer any *two* of the following in about 250 words each :

(a) Analyse the philosophical and socio-cultural roots of modern atheism. 10

(b) How do you respond to Durkheim's views on God ? 10

(c) What do you mean by rituals ? Explain the characteristics and elements of rituals. 10

(d) Discuss the important tenets of Ramanuja's philosophy. 10

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4. Answer any *four* of the following in about *150* words each :

(a) Explain briefly the four characteristics of mystical experience according to William James. 5

(b) Give a brief account of Kant's idea of God. 5

(c) Briefly examine Aurobindo's philosophy of human being. 5

(d) How is atheism differentiated from atheism ? 5

(e) Briefly explain the various dimensions of agnosticism. 5

(f) Who are called 'The Masters of Suspicion' ? Why are they called so ? 5

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about *100* words each :

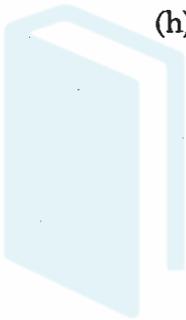
(a) Deism 4

(b) Secularism 4

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| (c) Neurotheology | 4 |
| (d) Three sciences according to Aristotle | 4 |
| (e) Moral argument for the existence of God | 4 |
| (f) Adi Sankara's Advaita | 4 |
| (g) Myth | 4 |
| (h) Equivocal language | 4 |



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Term-End Examination

December, 2019

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the five questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to Question Nos. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.

1. Discuss the concept of God in the philosophy of prominent modern Western philosophers. 20

Or

Explain the important teachings of Ramanuja's Visistadvaita and his objections to Sankara's Advaita philosophy. 20

2. Examine the importance of verification and falsification principles. How do religious thinkers respond to them? 20

Or

What do you mean by atheism? Explain the varieties and philosophical roots of it. 20

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **250** words each :

- (a) Define Deism and explain the various facets of it. 10
- (b) Examine the important tenets of materialism in the modern philosophy. 10
- (c) Elucidate the salient features of Dvaitadvaita of Nimbarka. 10
- (d) Highlight the importance of worship and liturgy in religion. 10

4. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about **150** words each : 5 each

- (a) Differentiate between weak and strong agnosticism.
- (b) What is the necessity of organized religions ?
- (c) Describe the analogical way of understanding religious language.
- (d) Briefly discuss the basic teachings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa.
- (e) Mention the seven elements of rituals.
- (f) What is the relationship between myth and religion ?

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5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about 100 words each : 4 each

- (a) The three C's of organized religion
- (b) Philosophy and Religion
- (c) Existential theism
- (d) Concept of God in the philosophy of Paul Tillich
- (e) The Free-Will Argument
- (f) Luminus
- (g) Charismatic experiences
- (h) Religious tolerance

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M. A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2020

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer all the five questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answer to Question No. 1 and 2 should

be in about 500 words each.

1. What do you mean by Theism ? Explain briefly the different kinds and types of theism. 20

Or

Define Philosophy of Religion and explain the necessity of organised religion.

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2. Discuss the *four* types of religious experiences and the factors involved in it. 20

Or

Explain the various facts and dimensions of deism and agnosticism.

3. Answer any *two* of the following in about 250 words each : 10 each

(a) Who are the 'masters of suspicion' ?

Explain, why they are called so.

(b) Briefly explain the *three* different modes of religious language.

(c) Examine the theories of evil from the Western perspective.

(d) Discuss the important aspects of Aurobindo's Philosophy.

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4. Answer any *four* of the following in about
100 words each : 5 each

- (a) What is the ontological argument for the existence of God ?
- (b) Give a brief account of the philosophy of Madhva.
- (c) Describe the different varieties of atheism.
- (d) Give an example of religious experiences.
- (e) What do you mean by rituals ?
- (f) Write a short note on the anthropic principle.

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in
about 100 words each : 4 each

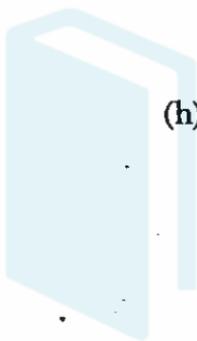
- (a) Philosophy and Science
- (b) Three sciences according to Aristotle
- (c) Falsification principle

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- (d) Function of liturgy
- (e) Secularism
- (f) Types of Evil
- (g) Teaching of Sri Ramakrishna
Parammahansa
- (h) Five Sadhanas propounded by Nimbarka



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February, 2021

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to questions no. 1 and 2 should not exceed 500 words each.

1. "Philosophy of religion is a critical response to religion, where the faith of the seeker is bracketed out." Explain this statement highlighting the nature and scope of philosophy of religion. 20

OR

Define Atheism. Explain the philosophical and socio-cultural roots of modern atheism. 20

2. Examine the main tenets of Ramanuja's philosophy. 20

OR

Explain the verification and falsification principles and the responses to them. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following in about 250 words each :

- (a) Discuss the four types of religious experiences. 10
- (b) How do you respond to Durkheim's views on God ? 10
- (c) Examine the relevance of the three major schools of Pre-Marxian Materialism. 10
- (d) Explain the basic teachings of Ramana Maharshi. 10

4. Answer any **four** of the following in about 150 words each :

- (a) What is the cosmological argument for God's existence ? 5
- (b) Describe the importance of Kant's idea of God. 5
- (c) State the three C's of Organised Religion. 5
- (d) Write a short note on Agnosticism. 5
- (e) Analyse briefly the problem of evil from the Indian perspective. 5
- (f) What is the analogical mode of religious language ? 5

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about 100 words each :

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| (a) Deism | 4 |
| (b) Religious Tolerance in Islam | 4 |
| (c) Bhakti Movement | 4 |
| (d) Typology of Evil | 4 |
| (e) Philosophy and Religion | 4 |
| (f) Neurotheology | 4 |
| (g) Moral Argument for the Existence of God | 4 |
| (h) Adi Sankara | 4 |