

BPYG-172

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASSIGNMENT 2022-2023

**BPYG-172
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**



SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY STUDIES
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Dear Student,

This Assignment booklet has TMAs for the core course BPYG-172 Philosophy of Religion, which is a six credit course. You will have to do Tutor Marked Assignments (TMAs) whose total marks add up to 100 and carry a weightage of 30 per cent.

The Assignment has a mix of long answer type questions, short answer type questions and short note type questions. Before you attempt the assignments, please read the instructions carefully provided in the Programme Guide. It is important that you write the answers to all the TMA questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end examination.

You need to submit all the assignments within the stipulated time for being eligible to appear in the term-end examination. The completed assignments should be submitted as per the following schedule.

Session	Last Date of Submission	Whom to submit
July, 2022 Session	April 30, 2023	The Coordinator of the Study Centre allotted to you
January, 2023 Session	October 31, 2023	

You must obtain a receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it. Keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you.

The Study Centre will return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Wishing you all the best!

BPYG-172: Philosophy of Religion
(TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT)

Course code: BPYG-172
Assignment Code: BPYG-172/ASST/TMA/2022-23
Marks: 100

BPYG-172 Philosophy of Religion
(Generic Course)

Note:

1. Give Answer of all **five** questions.
 2. All five questions **carry equal marks**.
 3. Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in **about 400 words each**.
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1. Write a note on the Sociological theory of Origin of Religion. 20

Or

Write a note on the William James' views on Religious Experience. 20

 2. Write a note on the feminist approach to philosophy of religion.

Or

Discuss briefly some of the salient features of Religion. 20

 3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in **about 250 words each**. 2*10= 20
 - a) Write a note on the analogical way of religious language. 10
 - b) How Rudolf Otto proves the validity of Religious experience? Briefly Discuss. 10
 - c) Do you think that Indian version of secularism is different from the general understanding of secularism? Give reasons to support your answer. 10
 - d) Write a note on the logical problem of evil. 10

 4. Answer **any four** of the following questions in **about 150 words each**. 4*5= 20
 - a) What are the basic problems with Naturalistic theory of origin of Religion? 5
 - b) How religion and Philosophy of Religion is related? Briefly Discuss. 5
 - c) Write a brief note on the Fine-tuning argument. 5
 - d) Write a note on the basic assumptions of Pantheism. 5
 - e) Write a short note on the Soul building theodicy. 5
 - f) Briefly discuss the challenges of Agnosticism. 5

 5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in **about 100 words each**. 5*4= 20

a) Reason as the source of ultimate knowledge	4
b) Prayer	4
c) Myth	4
d) Monotheism	4
e) Best of Possible worlds Theodicy	4
f) Problem of Evil	4
g) Religious Fundamentalism	4
h) Culturisation	4