

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

00330

December, 2014

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note :

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