

**M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2016**

**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 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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