

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2017

MPYE-005 : WORLD RELIGIONS

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. Do you think, Confucianism is a religion of virtue ? How do you understand various relationships in Confucianism ? Elaborate. 20

OR

Explain the Christian theory of incarnation. Do you agree that in Christianity God is one in essence but three in person ? Discuss. 20

2. "Metaphysics or epistemology is useful for the Jaina insofar as it guides him to right conduct", Do you agree ? Discuss. 20

OR

Discuss the four stages of life and supreme goals of life (purushartha) according to Hinduism. 20

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

(a) What are the mythology and beliefs of Shintoism ? 10

- (b) How do you explain the concept of God in Sikhism ? 10
- (c) Explain some important rituals and festivals of Zoroastrianism. 10
- (d) What is Taoism ? Describe various Taoist concepts and symbols in detail. 10
4. Answer any four of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) What do you mean by the doctrine of non-soul (Anatta) ? 5
- (b) Describe Islamic epistemology in brief. 5
- (c) What is the concept of God in Jainism ? 5
- (d) How theology and worship are related to each other in Shintoism ? 5
- (e) Enumerate important Hindu virtues. 5
- (f) What is the significance of free will in Zoroastrianism ? 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each.
- (a) Funeral ceremony of Zoroastrianism 4
- (b) Doctrine of resurrection 4
- (c) Kabbalah (Mysticism) 4
- (d) Bhagavat Gita 4
- (e) Dharma and Adharma in Buddhism 4
- (f) Purusa Sukta 4
- (g) Pratitya Samutpada 4
- (h) Vedanga 4
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