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MPYE–010

M. A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2023

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 Nos. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.

1. Define Philosophy of Religion. Examine the evolution in the human understanding of God and its importance. 20

Or

Discuss the relevance of Verification principle and Falsification principle. Bring out the criticisms levelled against it. 20

2. Analyse the importance of deism and the various facets of it. 20

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Examine the concept of God in the philosophy of contemporary western philosophies. 20

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

(a) How is God related to Sacred ? Discuss the viewpoints of Durkheim, Laura Makarius and Rene Gerard with regard to 'Sacred'.

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(b) Discuss the need for religious experience and the factors involved in it.

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(c) What do you mean by atheism ? Explain the different varieties of it.

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(d) Elucidate the different kinds of theism. 10

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

(a) Explain why Marx, Nietzsche and Freud are called 'masters of suspicion'.

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(b) Distinguish between Mystical and Regenerative religious experiences.

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(c) Discuss the importance of Analogical Language in the philosophy of religion.

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(d) What do you mean by Materialism ? Explain the materialistic elements in ancient philosophy.

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- (e) Give an account of the cosmological, ontological and moral arguments to prove the existence of God. 5
- (f) Examine the basic philosophy of Nimbarka. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Atheism 4
- (b) Agnosticism 4
- (c) Monotheism 4
- (d) Basic teachings of Ramana Maharshi 4
- (e) Philosophy of Religion and Metaphysics 4
- (f) Anthropic principle 4
- (g) Charismatic experiences of religion 4
- (h) Religious tolerance in Islam 4