

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

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2018**

**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) Answers to question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

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1. Define Philosophy of Religion. Explain the necessity of Organized Religion. 20  
**OR**  
Discuss the three prominent approaches to religious language. 20
  2. Define Deism and highlight its various facets. 20  
**OR**  
Explain the main tenets in the philosophy of Ramanuja and his objections to Adi Sankara. 20
  3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each :
    - (a) Examine the theories of evil from the western perspective. 10
    - (b) What do you mean by rituals ? Explain the seven elements of rituals. 10
    - (c) Explain the different kinds of theism. 10
    - (d) Discuss the relationship between myth, religion and philosophy. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) Distinguish between verification principle and Falsification principle. 5
  - (b) State the four characteristics of mystical experiences according to William James. 5
  - (c) Enumerate the arguments put forward by St. Thomas Aquinas to prove the existence of God. 5
  - (d) Briefly explain the basic teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa. 5
  - (e) How is atheism differentiated from a - theism ? 5
  - (f) Distinguish between weak and strong agnosticism. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Sacred and Profane 4
  - (b) Types of evil 4
  - (c) Three kinds of sciences according to Aristotle. 4
  - (d) Neurotheology 4
  - (e) Bhakti movement 4
  - (f) Functions of liturgy 4
  - (g) Five Sadhanas of Nimbarka 4
  - (h) Moral argument for the existence of God 4
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