

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

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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.*

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1. Explain and examine the scope and importance of religion. **20**
- OR**
- Critically examine the verification principle and falsification principle. **20**
2. What is the role of priest in religious activities ? **20**
How does sacred time and space contribute to the understanding of religions ?
- OR**
- Define rituals. What are the characteristics and elements of rituals. Do you think that liturgy is an important aspect of religious structure ? **20**
3. Answer any two of the following in about 250 words each.
- (a) What was the major difference between the English materialism and the French materialism. **10**
- (b) Give an account of Ramanuja's view of God. **10**

- (c) Elaborate the Indian understanding of the problem of evil. 10
- (d) Explain Descarte's view on the existence of God. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each.
- (a) Distinguish between monotheism and monism. 5
- (b) Do you agree that christianity goes slightly away from the traditional monotheism of Judaism and Islam? 5
- (c) What do you understand by the 'blind leap of faith' according to the Existentialists? 5
- (d) Explain agnosticism. 5
- (e) What are the different types of cosmological arguements? 5
- (f) Describe religious experience. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each.
- (a) Avidya 4
- (b) Five Sadhanas 4
- (c) Ramakrishna's nirvikalpa samadhi. 4
- (d) God as the perfect monad. 4
- (e) Three C's organised religion 4
- (f) Fideism 4
- (g) Prapatti 4
- (h) Secularism 4
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