

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

February, 2021

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Answer all the **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to questions no. **1** and **2** should not exceed 500 words each.

1. "Philosophy of religion is a critical response to religion, where the faith of the seeker is bracketed out." Explain this statement highlighting the nature and scope of philosophy of religion. 20

OR

Define Atheism. Explain the philosophical and socio-cultural roots of modern atheism. 20

2. Examine the main tenets of Ramanuja's philosophy. 20

OR

Explain the verification and falsification principles and the responses to them. 20

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

- (a) Discuss the four types of religious experiences. 10
- (b) How do you respond to Durkheim's views on God ? 10
- (c) Examine the relevance of the three major schools of Pre-Marxian Materialism. 10
- (d) Explain the basic teachings of Ramana Maharshi. 10

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

- (a) What is the cosmological argument for God's existence ? 5
- (b) Describe the importance of Kant's idea of God. 5
- (c) State the three C's of Organised Religion. 5
- (d) Write a short note on Agnosticism. 5
- (e) Analyse briefly the problem of evil from the Indian perspective. 5
- (f) What is the analogical mode of religious language ? 5

5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about 100 words each :

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| (a) Deism | 4 |
| (b) Religious Tolerance in Islam | 4 |
| (c) Bhakti Movement | 4 |
| (d) Typology of Evil | 4 |
| (e) Philosophy and Religion | 4 |
| (f) Neurotheology | 4 |
| (g) Moral Argument for the Existence of God | 4 |
| (h) Adi Sankara | 4 |
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