

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2014

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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.*

1. How do you understand 'Religion' ? Clarify the nature and scope of Philosophy of Religion. **20**  
**OR**  
Write an essay on the different aspects of 'The Sacred'. How is it significant for the religious structures ? **20**
2. Clarify Theism, Atheism and A-Theism. Discuss various types of theism. **20**  
**OR**  
Briefly mention the traditional arguments for the existence of God. Explain Hume's critique of these arguments. **20**
3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **250** words each :  
(a) Explain how language is used in the analogical way in religious discourses. **10**  
(b) Explain various western approaches to the problem of God. **10**

- (c) Discuss various types of atheism. 10
- (d) Explain the five methods of Salvation (Sadhanas) according to Nimbarka. 10
4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What are the three sciences according to Aristotle ? 5
- (b) How do you understand 'Numinous' ? 5
- (c) Briefly describe the various elements in rituals. 5
- (d) Differentiate Monism from Monotheism. 5
- (e) Write a short note on Religious Tolerance and Bhakti movement. 5
- (f) Describe Existential Theism. 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) Fideism 4
- (b) Mana 4
- (c) Myth 4
- (d) Neurotheology 4
- (e) Apriori and Religious knowledge 4
- (f) Secularism 4
- (g) Immanence 4
- (h) Panentheism 4
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