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**BACHELORS DEGREE PROGRAMME**

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2010**

**ELECTIVE COURSE : PHILOSOPHY**

**BPY-004 : RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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**Note :** (i) *Answer all five questions.*

(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

(iii) *Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 300 words each.*

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1. Explain the meaning of 'plurality of religions'. 20

OR

Describe the idea of salvation in Hinduism. 20

2. Describe four noble truths of Buddhism. 20

OR

Explain the main teachings of Sikhism. 20

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 200 words each :
- (a) Explain briefly the eight fold paths of Buddhism. 10
  - (b) What is the concept of God in Zoroastrianism ? Discuss. 10
  - (c) Describe the five pillars of Islam. 10
  - (d) Distinguish between Old Testament and the New Testament of the Bible. 10

4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each :
- (a) Explain the concept of after life in Taoism. 5
  - (b) Describe the creation myth as explained in Shintoism. 5
  - (c) How is the relation between humans and spirits considered in Tribal religions ? 5
  - (d) Which are the five basic relations explained by Confucianism ? 5
  - (e) Explain briefly the Monotheism of the Jewish religion. 5
  - (f) Describe briefly the Varna dharma. 5

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

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| (a) Ren            | 4 |
| (b) Jnana marga    | 4 |
| (c) Anatta         | 4 |
| (d) Ahimsa         | 4 |
| (e) Sangat         | 4 |
| (f) Decalogue      | 4 |
| (g) Kingdom of God | 4 |
| (h) The Kalima     | 4 |
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