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M. A. IN PHILOSOPHY
(MAPY)

Term-End Examination
December, 2024

MPYE–010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt all the **five** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Answers to question nos. 1 and 2 should be in about **500** words each.*

1. Define Religion. Explain the relationship between philosophy, religion and metaphysics and discuss the evolution of God in religion. 20

Or

Discuss the importance of verification and falsification principles and analyse the responses to these principles. 20

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2. What is meant by materialism ? Explain the development of materialism in Marxian Philosophy. 20

Or

Examine the salient features of the philosophies of Aurobindo and Ramakrishna Paramhansa. 20

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

(a) Give a brief account of the Anthropic principle. 10

(b) Expound the *three* different modes of religious language. 10

(c) Discuss the various facets of Deism. 10

(d) Examine the different kinds of theism. 10

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

(a) Highlight the basic teachings of Ramana Maharshi. 5

- (b) What are the arguments to prove the existence of God forwarded by St. Thomas Aquinas ? 5
- (c) Distinguish between deism and agnosticism. 5
- (d) Describe the theories of evil from the perspective of Western Philosophy. 5
- (e) Briefly explain the importance of mystical experiences in religion. 5
- (f) Give an account of the 'Masters of Suspicion'. 5
5. Write short notes on any *five* of the following in about **100** words each :
- (a) *Three* Sciences according to Aristotle 4
- (b) Elements of rituals 4
- (c) Charismatic experiences of religion 4
- (d) Myth 4

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| (e) Naturalism | 4 |
| (f) The Free-will argument of Alvin
Plantinga | 4 |
| (g) Monotheism | 4 |
| (h) Moral argument for the existence of God | 4 |

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