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MPYE-005

M. A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

June, 2026

MPYE-005 : WORLD RELIGIONS

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

(iii) Answer to Questions No. 1 and 2
should be in about **500** words each.

1. Evaluate the significance of the concept of Anekantavada in Jain philosophy. How does it promote tolerance and pluralism in philosophical discourse ? 20

Or

Analyse the importance of the Purusharthas in Hinduism. To what extent do they provide a balanced framework for human existence ?

2. Evaluate the role of Torah in shaping Jewish ethical and philosophical thought. How does the concept of Jewish law guide moral behaviour ? 20

Or

Analyse the Islamic concept of the oneness of God. How does it shape Islamic views on cosmology, theology and ethics ?

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

- (a) Explain the concept of dependent origination (Pratityasamutpada) in Buddhism and its role in understanding the nature of reality. 10
- (b) Analyse the uniqueness of teachings of Sikhism and explain the way they contribute to the spiritual growth and community welfare. 10

- (c) Explain the significance of salvation in Christian theology. How is salvation related to human free will ? 10
- (d) Analyse the role of education and self-cultivation in the development of moral character in Confucian thought. 10
4. Answer any *four* of the following in about **150** words each :
- (a) What are Pancha Vratras according to Jainism ? 5
- (b) Explain the significance of Nirvana. 5
- (c) Describe the concept of the doctrine of Karma and transmigration of soul. 5
- (d) Briefly explain the importance of the Trinity in Christian theology. 5
- (e) Enumerate the main prayers in Zoroastrianism. 5
- (f) Describe the concept of 'Dao' (the way) in Taoism. 5

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

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| (a) Thirthankara | 4 |
| (b) Kshanikavāda | 4 |
| (c) Yajna | 4 |
| (d) Guru Nanak | 4 |
| (e) Shu | 4 |
| (f) Kabbalah | 4 |
| (g) The Creed of Constantinople | 4 |
| (h) Rusul | 4 |

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