

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

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 question No. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Explain the four stages of human life according to Hinduism. Discuss the supreme goals of life (Purusharthas). 20

OR

Discuss Jaina Epistemology.

2. Explain the Jewish expectation of messianic age and their understanding of after life. 20

OR

What are the five pillars of faith in Islam? Explain.

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

(a) Explain the Christian understanding of life after death(eschatology) and resurrection of the body. 10

(b) Elaborate the doctrine of dependent origination(pratitya samutpada) 10

(c) Briefly discuss the Guru tradition of Sikh religion. 10

(d) What is the basic theology underlying the religious practices of Shintism? 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words each.
- (a) Explain the doctrine of anatta-vada of Buddhism. 5
 - (b) Describe the concept of God in Sikhism. 5
 - (c) Briefly explain the Jaina understanding of substance. 5
 - (d) Discuss the Christian understanding of Incarnation. 5
 - (e) Differentiate between Nirguna Brahman and Saguna Brahman. 5
 - (f) What is the Islamic concept of Tawhid ? 5
5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100** words each.
- (a) Jaina sects 4
 - (b) Two major sects of Buddhism 4
 - (c) Tower of silence 4
 - (d) Langar 4
 - (e) Kami 4
 - (f) Five relation - ships of Confucianism 4
 - (g) Omniscience of God 4
 - (h) Rta 4
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