

M.A. PHILOSOPHY (MAPY)

Term-End Examination

December, 2012

MPYE-010 : PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :** (i) *Answer all the five questions.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*
(iii) *Answers to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about 500 words each.*

1. Define religious experience. Describe various types of religious experiences. Do you think religious experiences can be attained through training ? Explain. **20**

OR

Explain the verification and falsification principles of language. Make a detailed analysis of the responses provided against the two. **20**

2. Define problem of evil. Give a detailed account of Indian and Western perspective of evil. **20**

OR

What is atheism? Describe various types of atheism. Discuss in detail the philosophical and socio-cultural roots of modern atheism. **20**

3. Answer *any two* of the following in about 250 words each :
- (a) Explain briefly the relation between philosophy and religion. 10
 - (b) Elaborate creed, code and cult, the three 'C' s of organised religion. 10
 - (c) Define agnosticism. Differentiate between weak and strong agnosticism. 10
 - (d) How do deists relate god and creation in their philosophy ? Explain. 10
4. Answer *any four* of the following in about 150 words each.
- (a) Describe regenerative experiences. 5
 - (b) Explain priest as intermediary between god and people. 5
 - (c) Differentiate between determinism and indeterminism. 5
 - (d) Point out the basic teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa. 5
 - (e) What is idealistic theism of George Berkeley? 5
 - (f) Briefly explain the philosophy of irreligion. 5

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

- (a) The Buddha experience. 4
 - (b) Pantheism 4
 - (c) Sacred space 4
 - (d) The eternal return 4
 - (e) Myth 4
 - (f) Symbolism 4
 - (g) Historical materialism 4
 - (h) Neurotheology 4
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