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PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHLHC6136

[ Philosophy of Religion (Western and Indian) ]

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer (any six) : 1×6=6

(a) The word 'Religion' is derived from the Latin word

(i) Religoun

(ii) Realm

(iii) Religare

(iv) Rg

(b) 'Philosophy of Religion' is a branch of

(i) philosophy

(ii) axiology

(iii) religion

(iv) ontology

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- (ii) Social value
- (iii) Scientific value
- (iv) To attain spiritual value

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- (i) God
- (ii) Brahma
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- (iv) None of the above

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- (i) Ontological argument
- (ii) Teleological argument
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- (iii) Spinoza
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(i) Who among the following philosophers is a supporter of non-cognitivist theory?

- (i) Wittgenstein
- (ii) Thomas Aquinas
- (iii) Paul Tillich
- (iv) John Shand Geil.

2. Answer the following questions (any five) :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) What is the etymological meaning of 'theology'?
- (b) What is philosophy of religion?
- (c) Mention two characteristics of religion.
- (d) Write the name of the philosopher and the argument associated with 'the analogy of the watchmaker'.
- (e) Name two philosophers who support cosmological argument.
- (f) What is Kirtana Bhakti?
- (g) What are the two functions of 'Maya' according to Samkara?

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3. Answer the following questions (any six) :  $5 \times 6 = 30$

- (a) Distinguish between Philosophy of religion and Theology.
- (b) Briefly explain the religious pluralism according to John Hick.
- (c) Mention five characteristics of religious experience.
- (d) "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." Explain the statement.
- (e) How is religious experience different from ordinary experience? Explain.
- (f) What is moral argument for the existence of God? Mention three criticisms of it.
- (g) How is the concept of Dharma explained in Purva-Mimamsa?
- (h) How does Ramanuja explain the concept of God?

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- (i) Briefly explain the cognitivist theory regarding religious language according to Paul Tillich.
- (j) What is rebirth? Explain with reference to the *Bhagavad Gita*.
4. Answer the following questions (any two) :  $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) Explain fully the nature of philosophy of religion.
- (b) Critically examine the ontological argument for the existence of God with reference to St. Anselm.
- (c) How is the doctrine of Karma explained in *Bhagavad Gita*? Explain.
- (d) Discuss non-cognitivist theory of religious language with special reference to Antony Flew.
5. Answer any one of the following questions : 14
- (a) Evaluate the teleological argument for the existence of God.

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- (b) What is Bhakti? Enumerate various kinds of Bhakti.  $2+12=14$
- (c) Explain fully Samkara's concept of Brahman.

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