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**PHILOSOPHY**

Paper : PHLHC6136

**[Philosophy of Religion  
(Western and Indian)]**

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer : **(any six)** 1×6=6
- (a) Philosophy of Religion means 'philosophical thinking about religion'. Whose definition is this?
- (i) John Hick
  - (ii) D. M. Edwards
  - (iii) Brightman
  - (iv) W. K. Wright

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- (b) "Theology is the system of religious belief." Who is associated with this line?
- (i) D. M. Edwards
  - (ii) John Hick
  - (iii) Newman
  - (iv) David Hume
- (c) Who is the founder of cosmological argument for the existence of God?
- (i) St. Anselm
  - (ii) John Hick
  - (iii) Thomas Aquinas
  - (iv) Immanuel Kant
- (d) "A being than which nothing greater can be conceived." Who is associated with this definition for the existence of God?
- (i) Rene Descartes
  - (ii) Spinoza
  - (iii) St. Anselm
  - (iv) Hegel

- (e) According to whom 'Religious experience is the root of religion'?
- (i) William James
  - (ii) Bertrand Russell
  - (iii) Wittgenstein
  - (iv) Paul Tillich
- (f) Who among the following philosophers is a supporter of cognitivist theory?
- (i) Wittgenstein
  - (ii) Basil Mitchell
  - (iii) Paul Tillich
  - (iv) Antony Flew
- (g) According to Sankaradeva, the best way to attain Moksa is
- (i) Jnana
  - (ii) Karma
  - (iii) Bhakti
  - (iv) Shravana
- (h) The law of karma is known in Rigveda as
- (i) Apurva
  - (ii) Adṛṣṭa
  - (iii) Rta
  - (iv) Moral Order

- (i) What is called the law of karma in Indian ethics ?
- (i) The law of the conservation of moral values
- (ii) The law of the destruction of moral values
- (iii) The law of the morality
- (iv) The law of the Karmayaga
- (j) Ramanuja's Vedanta is known as
- (i) Advaita Vedanta
- (ii) Visistadvaita Vedanta
- (iii) Daita Vedanta
- (iv) Daita-daita Vedanta

2. Answer the following questions : **(any five)**  
2×5=10

- (a) Give a definition of philosophy of religion.
- (b) What is the meaning of theology ?
- (c) Name *two* philosophers who supported ontological argument for the existence of God.
- (d) Mention *two* differences between philosophy of religion and religion.

- (e) Write the name of *two* non-cognitivist philosophers.
- (f) What is Shravana Bhakti ?
- (g) What are the main classification of Karma ?

3. Answer the following questions : **(any six)**  
5×6=30

- (a) Distinguish between religion and science.
- (b) Write a short note on religious experience.
- (c) Discuss about Descartes ontological argument for the existence of God.
- (d) Distinguish between Sakāma Karma and Niskāma Karma.
- (e) Discuss briefly about the concept of Dharma according to Purva Mimamsa.
- (f) How does Samkara explain the concept of God ? Explain.
- (g) Write a short note on the concept of Bhakti.
- (h) Explain briefly the religious pluralism according to John Hick.

- (i) Philosophy of religion is 'a second-order-activity'. Explain the statement with reference to John Hick.
- (j) Discuss briefly about cognitivist and non-cognitivist debate.

4. Answer the following questions : **(any two)**  
10×2=20

- (a) Critically examine the teleological argument for the existence of God.
- (b) "Religious experience as the root of religion." Discuss with reference to William James.
- (c) What are the nine kinds of Bhakti? Explain broadly the highest kinds of Bhaktis.
- (d) Explain fully the Ramanuja's concept of God as Infinite.

5. Answer **any one** of the following questions :  
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- (a) Explain fully the nature of philosophy of religion. How does philosophy of religion differ from theology? Discuss.  
10+4=14

- (b) Explain ontological argument for the existence of God with Gannilon criticism of ontological argument.

10+4=14

- (c) Explain the doctrine of Karma with reference to Bhagavada-Gita. How is Karmavada related to rebirth? Discuss.

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