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PHILOSOPHY

Paper : PHLHC6136

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

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : Three hours

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

1. Tick the correct answer : *(any six)*

1×6=6

(a) The term Religio means

(i) to found

(ii) to level

(iii) to bind

(iv) to worship

(b) According to Kant Religion is a matter of the

- (i) mind
- (ii) soul
- (iii) will
- (iv) intellect

(c) Religious experience cannot be explained by _____.

- (i) intellect
- (ii) figures
- (iii) symbols
- (iv) analogy

(d) Philosophy of religion studies the concept, propositions and argument of

- (i) theologian
- (ii) priests
- (iii) religious practitioners
- (iv) religious conduct

(e) Philosophy of religion, generally committed on

- (i) reason
- (ii) intellect
- (iii) will
- (iv) emotion

(f) 'The World is God, and God is the World'—this view is called

(i) pantheism

(ii) deism

(iii) monotheism

(iv) theism

(g) Saguna brahman was the outcome of which concept of Bhakti?

(i) Nirguna-brahman

(ii) Vaishnavism

(iii) Shaivism

(iv) Jainism

(h) Who preaches Vishishtadvaita?

(i) Tulsidas

(ii) Saivaite Nayanmars

(iii) Samkara

(iv) Ramanuja

(i) Who is considered a prominent figure in the philosophy of Karma Yoga?

(i) Krishna

(ii) Buddha

(iii) Shankaracharya

(iv) Ramakrishna

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(j) What is the goal of Karma Yoga ?

(i) Wealth and prosperity

(ii) Self-realization through selfless action

(iii) Mastery over physical postures

(iv) Accumulation of material postures

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

(a) Define philosophy of religion.

(b) Mention *two* arguments for the existence of God.

(c) Define religious experience according to William James.

(d) Write a few points on 'Bhakti' in Indian context.

(e) Define 'Dharma' according to Purva Mimamsa.

(f) Define the doctrine of 'Karma' in the context of *Bhagavad Gita*.

(g) Name the *two* books of Descartes.

3. Answer the following questions : *(any six)*

5×6=30

- (a) Explain briefly nature of philosophy of religion and theology.
- (b) Write briefly cosmological argument for the existence of God in the light of Thomas Aquinas version.
- (c) "Religious Experience as the Root of Religion." Explain in reference to William James.
- (d) Write short note on "Religion and Science" in the context of Richard Dawkins.
- (e) Write briefly the Supreme God according to Ramanuja's philosophy.
- (f) Is John Hicks a pluralist? Explain the religion according to John Hicks.
- (g) Explain briefly Richard Dawkin's critique of religion.

(a) Discuss elaborately Thomas Aquinas argument for the existence of God.

14×1=14

5. Answer the question broadly : (**any one**)

(d) Explain critically the Samkara's concept of God.

(c) Write critically Russell's criticism on ontological argument for the existence of God.

(b) Explain fully Doctrine of 'Karma' according to *Bhagavad Gita*.

(a) Discuss the argument for the existence of God in the light of Descartes philosophy.

10×2=20

4. Answer the following questions : (**any two**)

(j) Distinguish between cognitivism and non-cognitivism.

(i) Write briefly the concept of 'Dharma' in the light of Purva-Mimamsa.

(h) Write short note on what is the Rebirth, according to *Bhagavad Gita* ?

- (b) Examine critically Karma is related to Rebirth with special reference to *Bhagavad Gita*.
- (c) Write in detail on John Hicks 'Religious pluralism'.
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