



COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examinations, 2023

PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

CORE-10

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) Explain critically the teleological argument for the existence of God. 15
 - (b) What is philosophy of religion? 'The task of philosophy of religion is twofold : first the historico-psychological investigation of religion and secondly, metaphysical investigation of the relation of religious experience to the real truth and nature of thing'— Discuss in detail. 3+12
 - (c) Explain Animism and Totemism as theories of the origin of religion. Can anyone of them be regarded as the most primitive form of religion? 10+5

2. Answer any *one* question from the following: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) Explain the nature of God according to Ramanuja. 10
 - (b) 'Man is religious because he has a religious instinct'— Discuss. 10

3. Answer any *one* question from the following: 5×1 = 5
 - (a) Is it correct to say that philosophy of religion stands midway between philosophy and religion? 5
 - (b) Is religion prior to magic? Briefly discuss. 5

4. Answer any *ten* questions from the following: 1×10 = 10
 - (a) How many mental faculties are admitted in psychology? What are they?
 - (b) What is Ghost-worship theory?
 - (c) What is polytheism?
 - (d) What is mysticism?
 - (e) What are the five pillars of Islam?
 - (f) Mention one religion without God.
 - (g) What is the theory of special revelation?
 - (h) What is *bhavacakra*?
 - (i) Who regarded religion as a social power?
 - (j) What is ontological argument for the existence of God?
 - (k) What is *vidhi* in Mimāṃsā philosophy?
 - (l) Distinguish between *nirvāṇa* in Buddhism and liberation of Christianity.

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