

2014

PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : 5.5

(Philosophy of Religion)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions

1. Answer as directed : 1×7=7

(a) Animism is the earliest form of religion.
(Write True/False)

(b) Philosophy of religion is only a
comprehensive study of religion.
(Write True/False)

(c) Name one main advocate of the
psychological theory of the origin of
religion.

(d) Reason plays a significant role in the
field of religious belief.
(Write True/False)

(e) Mystic experience is based on direct and immediate awareness of the ultimate reality. (Write True/False)

(f) Who was the author of *Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*?

(g) Religion is a kind of magic. (Write True/False)

2. Give brief answers of the following : $2 \times 4 = 8$

(a) What is Dharma?

(b) Who noted certain similarities between one's attitude towards a personal deity and the attitude of a child towards his father? Name the theory associated with it.

(c) What is taboo?

(d) Match the following :

Column-A

Column-B

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| (1) E. B. Tylor | (i) The Ghost worship theory |
| (2) Bishop Codrington | (ii) Fetichism |
| (3) Charles De Broses | (iii) Animism |
| (4) Herbert Spencer | (iv) Manor |

3. Answer any *three* of the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Discuss the scope of religion.
- (b) Explain briefly the concept of revelation as a foundation of religious belief.
- (c) Write a brief note on Totemism.
- (d) Write a short note on mystic experience.
- (e) Explain briefly Freud's theory of the origin of religion.

4. Answer any *three* of the following : $10 \times 3 = 30$

- (a) What is philosophy of religion? Explain briefly the necessity of studying philosophy of religion.
- (b) What are the foundations of religious belief? Distinguish between reason and faith.
- (c) Explain the anthropological theories of the origin of religion.
- (d) Critically examine Fetichism as a theory of origin of religion.
- (e) Explain and examine the relation between magic and religion.
- (f) Write an essay on Mysticism.

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