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PHILOSOPHY

(Major)

Paper : M 605

(Philosophy of Religion)

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three hours

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

1. Answer the following :

(a) Who was the author of "The Idea of the Holy" ? 1×7=7

(b) _____ was the main propounder of the cosmological argument for the existence of God.

(c) Teleological argument is also known as _____.

Contd.

- (d) The symbolic nature of religious language was advocated by _____.
- (e) The Neo Vaisnavite movement in Assam was initiated by _____.
- (f) Religious Language is non-cognitive by nature. True / False.
- (g) What is the best path accepted by Sankaradeva for salvation ?

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

- (a) What is Numinous ?
- (b) "God is that than which nothing greater can be thought" who said this ? Write the name of the argument associated with it.
- (c) Write the name of the thinker (philosopher) and the argument associated with "the analogy of the watch maker".
- (d) Write the name of *two* master works of Sankaradeva.

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

- (a) Discuss some defects of the Ontological argument for the existence of God.
- (b) Briefly explain the concept of prime mover of the cosmological argument.
- (c) Explain the *four* fold functions of religious symbol.
- (d) Give a brief note on Sankardeva's concept of Bhakti.
- (e) Discuss the concept of personal God in Sankardeva's Philosophy.

4. Explain Otto's Idea of the Holy. $10 \times 3 = 30$

Or

Discuss critically the teleological argument for the existence of God.

5. Discuss the symbolic nature of Religious Language.

Or

Explain and examine the moral argument for the existence of God.

6. Explain the salient features of Sankaradeva's Vaishnavism.

Or

Discuss the concept of God in Sankaradeva's Philosophy.