

2015

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 the following as directed : 1×7=7

(a) Philosophy of religion is a logical/dogmatic study of religion.

(Choose the correct answer)

(b) Who was the chief exponent of Animism?

(c) The word Mana was first introduced by —.

(Fill in the blank)

(d) Who advocated the ghost worship theory as the earliest form of religion?

(e) Mystic experience is mediate/immediate awareness of supernatural.

(Choose the correct answer)

(f) Sigmund Freud advocated the psychological/ anthropological theory of the origin of religion.

(Choose the correct answer)

(g) "When magic failed to achieve success, it gave rise to religion." Who said this?

2. Give brief answers of the following : 2×4=8

- (a) Give the definition of Mana.
- (b) What is the literal meaning of religion?
- (c) What is revelation?
- (d) Match the following :

Column—A

Column—B

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| (i) <i>The Golden Bough</i> | (1) Emile Durkheim |
| (ii) <i>Primitive Culture</i> | (2) Bishop Codrington |
| (iii) <i>The Melanesians</i> | (3) Sir James Frazer |
| (iv) <i>Elementary Forms of the Religious Life</i> | (4) Edward B. Tylor |

3. Answer any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Give a brief account of Dharma.
- (b) "Philosophy of religion is not a part of religious teaching." Explain.
- (c) Write a brief note on Animism.
- (d) Explain the role of reason as a foundation of religious belief.
- (e) Write a short note on mystic experience.

4. Answer any *three* of the following : 10×3=30

- (a) Discuss the nature and scope of philosophy of religion.
- (b) Critically examine Totemism as a theory of the origin of religion.
- (c) What is religion? Distinguish between magic and religion.
- (d) Critically examine Freud's theory of the origin of religion.
- (e) What are the foundations of religious beliefs? Describe the role of Faith as a foundation of religious belief.
- (f) Write an essay on Mysticism.

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