

5/H-20 (vi) (Syllabus-2015)

2017

(October)

PHILOSOPHY

(Honours)

(Philosophy of Religion)

(PHIL : 52)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer any five questions

1. What is philosophy of religion? Is it related to theology? Discuss the relation between them. 5+2+8=15
2. What do you mean by religion? What are its important features? Explain by referring to different definitions. 3+5+7=15
3. What is revelation? Is it related to faith? Explain the distinction between reason and faith. 5+2+8=15

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4. What are the traditional arguments for the existence of God? Bring out the distinction between ontological and cosmological arguments. Do they actually prove the existence of God? $5+7+3=15$

5. What are the characteristics of tribal religion? Can we call it animism? Bring out the idea of God in any one tribal religion of North-East India. $5+3+7=15$

6. What do you mean by suffering? Is suffering a pre-requisite of salvation? Explain the purpose of suffering in the theological perspective of Christianity. $5+3+7=15$

7. What is Nirvana? Bring out the similarities in the concepts of Nirvana and Moksa. $5+10=15$

8. What is religious tolerance? Is there a need for it in the Pluralistic Society of India? Explain it in the light of the contemporary slogan of 'intolerance' raised by different sections/groups in India. $5+3+7=15$

9. What is conversion? Does it happen in India? What are the circumstances that encourage religious conversion? Explain. $5+2+8=15$

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10. Write short notes on any two of the following : $7\frac{1}{2}\times 2=15$

- (a) Mysticism
- (b) Idea of God in Buddhism
- (c) Concept of suffering in Jainism
- (d) Secularism in India

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