

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 : 2x4=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 : 5x3=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 : 10x3=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.
