



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2024

PPL3MC02 – PHILOSOPHY OF GOD AND RELIGION



Date: 09-11-2024

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 am-12:00 pm

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Fill in the blanks

- a) Karl Marx treated religion as a tool of _____.
a) Cultural exploitation b) Emotional exploitation c) Economic exploitation d) None of these
- b) According to Augustine, moral evil is a direct consequence of man's _____.
a) Free will b) Mind c) Freedom d) Emotion
- c) _____ refers to the sacred appearing in ordinary things, according to Eliade.
a) Hierophany b) Epiphany c) Theophany d) Christophany
- d) To evaluate how the attribute of God's _____ challenges human notions of free will and moral responsibility.
a) Omniscience b) Omnipotence c) Omnibenevolence d) None of these
- e) What types of statements are necessary?
a) Empirical b) Analytical c) About God d) Synthetic

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

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| a) Rahner | Religion as Magic |
| b) Frazer | Animism |
| c) John Hick | Theodicy |
| d) Leibniz | Pluralism |
| e) Taylor | Anonymous Christians |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 100 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 What type of language could be used for describing God?
- 4 Why does John Hick advocate Religious Pluralism?
- 5 Explain the teleological argument proposed by William Paley?
- 6 Write a short note on omniscience and human freedom.
- 7 How can Interreligious Dialogue be classified?

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

	Answ any TWO of the following in 200 words each.	(2 x 12.5 = 25)
8	Explain the Eastern conceptions of God.	
9	Describe the five types of religious experience according to Richard Swinburne	
10	Elucidate Leibniz argument for existence of God	
11	Show how Max Weber proves Marx theory of religion as inaccurate. According to Max Weber how has religion helped capitalism?	

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 500 words	(1 x 15 = 15)
12	What are the common characteristics of religious belief? Give your opinion on the benefits and challenges of possessing religious belief.	
13	Examine the arguments for believing in Atheism	

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words	(1 x 20 = 20)
14	Write an essay on the ontological argument for the existence of God. Justify. Discuss its advantages and disadvantages.	
15	Critically evaluate William James and Rudolph Otto's theory of Religious Experience. Can religious experience be enough for believing in God?	

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