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Enrollment Number:

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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026
Fourth Semester
M.A. Philosophy
M23PH06DE – Philosophy of Religion
(2023 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. What is meant by Philosophy of Religion?
2. Name one difference between theology and philosophy of religion.
3. What is meant by ethical pluralism?
4. Who proposed the ontological argument for the existence of God?
5. What is meant by religious pluralism?
6. Define faith in philosophical terms.
7. What is meant by secularism?
8. State the problem of evil.
9. What is atheism?
10. What is meant by tolerance?
11. What is Diglossia in religious context?
12. What is meant by materialism?
13. What is revelation?
14. What is meant by interfaith dialogue?
15. Define morality in relation to religion.

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Explain the importance of philosophy of religion.
17. What is meant by faith?
18. Explain religious tolerance.
19. What is the teleological argument?
20. Briefly explain the relationship between religion and politics.

21. What is meant by Universal Religion?
22. Distinguish between theism and atheism.
23. How does neuroscience relate to spiritual experiences?
24. Explain the relationship between religion and ethics.
25. How do religious beliefs influence views on bioethics?

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. Trace the historical development of the philosophy of religion, highlighting its major phases and key concerns.
27. Examine the relationship between faith and reason and discuss how they function as sources of religious belief.
28. Bring out the philosophical significance of concept of universal religion.
29. Examine the role of archetypes in the universality of religion.
30. Discuss the interaction between religion and secularism, with reference to modern societies.
31. Discuss the major schools of thought and approaches in philosophy of religion.
32. Analyse the connection between religion and morality, focusing on their mutual influence.
33. Briefly explain the types of polytheism.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Critically examine the scope, nature, and significance of the philosophy of religion, and assess its relevance to contemporary philosophical inquiry.
35. Discuss the major philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God, evaluating their strengths and limitations.
36. Critically examine the concept of religious pluralism and analyse its relevance in contemporary society.
37. Analyse the problem of evil with special reference to the theistic and atheistic interpretations and assess their implications for religious belief.
38. Discuss the relationship between religion and science, examining areas of conflict as well as possible reconciliation.
39. Examine the role of religion in human life and destiny, highlighting its philosophical and ethical dimensions.

(10X3=30)