

Assignment – 13

BPYE-01: Philosophy of Religion

Note:

- i) Answer all five questions
- ii) All questions carry equal marks
- iii) Answer to question no. 1 and 2 should be in about **400 words** each.

1. Explain the meaning and nature of religion in detail. Discuss the various developmental stages of religion. 20

Or

What do you understand by the concept of sacred or religious language as used in various religions? Explain. 20

2. Define atheism and agnosticism. Explain various arguments proposed against the two.

Or

What do you understand by religious feeling and the feeling of the sublime? How does Rudolf Otto explain the category of holy? 20

3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about **200 words** each:

- a. Explain symbolic interpretations and ritualistic interpretation of religious doctrines. 10
- b. Define religion. What are the complexities in the definitions of religion? 10
- c. Do you think religious fundamentalism and extremism are linked? Discuss. 10
- d. How can one frame arguments for God's existence from religious experience? Discuss. 10

4. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150 words** each:

- a) Do you think theological statements are testable? 5
- b) Differentiate between plurality of religion and religious pluralism. 5
- c) What are the weaknesses of the ontological argument for God's existence? 5
- d) Describe the developmental stages in the evolution of religion. 5
- e) What are the conditions that hinder religious pluralism? 5
- f) Describe the objective of postmodern religion. 5

5. Write short notes on **any five** of the following in about **100 words** each:

- a. Idealism
- b. Religious language
- c. Luminous 4
- d. Verifiability of theological statements 4
- e. *Mana* 4
- f. Totemism 4
- g. Myths 4
- h. Religious toleration 4