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PHILOSOPHY

( Major )

Paper : 6.5

( **Philosophy of Religion-II** )

*Full Marks* : 60

*Time* : 3 hours

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

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7
- (a) Is Numinous experience rational?
  - (b) Who is the author of *Proslogion*?
  - (c) Who is the founder of the cosmological argument for the existence of God?
  - (d) "The language of faith is the language of symbols." Who said this?

- (e) Is Sankaradeva a monotheist?  
(f) From which word is the term 'Numinous' derived?  
(g) — is the main deity of Vaishnavism.

( Fill in the blank )

2. Give brief answers to the following : 2×4=8

- (a) What is the element of fascination in Rudolf Otto's *Idea of the Holy*?  
(b) Name two supporters of the ontological argument for the existence of God.  
(c) What is Bhakti?  
(d) What do you mean by the teleological argument for the existence of God?

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

5×3=15

- (a) Explain William Paley's analogy of the watch.  
(b) Give a brief note on the concept of the first cause of the cosmological argument.  
(c) Explain briefly the relation between God and the world in Sankaradeva's philosophy.

- (d) State any three functions of religious symbol mentioned by Randall. What, according to him, are the distinctive elements of religion?

(e) Write short notes on Sravana and Kirtana.

4. Explain and examine Rudolf Otto's concept of Numinous. 10

Or

Explain critically the moral argument for the existence of God. 10

5. Discuss the view of Paul Tillich about the symbolic nature of religious language. 10

Or

Discuss critically Anselm's ontological argument for the existence of God. 10

6. Explain the concept of God in Sankaradeva's philosophy. 10

Or

What is Neo-Vaishnavism? Explain the characteristics of Neo-Vaishnavism of Sankaradeva. 2+8=10

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