



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY**

**FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2017**

**PI 4810- PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

Date: 01/04/2017  
09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**Part A**

**Answer all the questions**

**(6x 6=36 marks)**

1. God is omnipotent and omnipresent. Explain.
2. What does Otto mean by 'creature consciousness'?
3. State the five cardinal virtues of Confucianism.
4. Write a note on the concept of God in Vaiṣṇava tradition
5. How do pluralists respond to the conflicting truth claims in religion?
6. Briefly explain the problem of evil?

**Part B**

**Answer the following**

**(4 x 16 =64 marks)**

7. A. What, according to Schleiermacher, is the nature of religion?

**(16 marks)**

**OR**

B. "Religion is a depth dimension of life which gives substance, ultimate meaning, judgement and creative courage to all functions of human spirit." Discuss

**(16 marks)**

8. A. Critically assess the Cosmological Argument for the existence of God.

**(16 marks)**

**OR**

B. Discuss the Teleological Argument for the existence of God.

**(16 marks)**

9. A. Illustrate the '*ashtangamarga*' as taught by Gautama Buddha.

**(8 marks)**

B. Describe the significance of Khalsa in Sikhism.

**(8 marks)**

**OR**

C. Illustrate the notion of God and human being in Islam.

**(16 marks)**

10. A. Critically assess Hegel's statement, "we must speak less of God and more of religion."

**(8 marks)**

B. How does Kant reconstruct the Deist project of religion?

**(8 marks)**

**OR**

C. Construct a cogent argument for religious pluralism

**(16 marks)**

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