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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

RELI 211: PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [11.30-13.30 P.M] ***DATE: 06/12/2023***

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INSTRUCTIONS: Question ONE is COMPULSORY and any TWO

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss the role of values in shaping individuals' religious beliefs and attitudes. **(10mks)**
- b) Describe Plato's concept of the 'Demiurge' as presented in his dialogue "Timaeus" and its significance in the creation of the physical world. **(10mks)**
- c) Analyze how the problem of evil, the existence of God and the challenges of religious language impact religious pluralism and interfaith dialogue. **(10mks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) What is the main idea of the teleological argument for the existence of God? **(10mks)**
- b) Explain the concept of Non-Overlapping Magisteria (NOMA) in the context of the relationship between science and religion. **(10mks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) What is the central idea behind Darwin's theory of evolution in relation to the teleological argument? **(10mks)**
- b) How does the philosophy of religion relate to the study of theology and religious studies? **(10mks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain the problem of evil. **(10mks)**
- b) How does Descartes argue that the concept of God necessarily entails God's existence? **(10mks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) How do religious experiences impact an individual's faith and certainty in the existence of God? **(10mks)**
- b) How do religious communities reinforce shared values, and why is this reinforcement significant for believers? **(10mks)**

QUESTION SIX

- a) Evaluate the implications of secularism and religious pluralism on social cohesion in multicultural societies. **(10mks)**
- b) Elaborate religious beliefs and practices showing how they influence individuals and societal values. **(10mks)**

