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MAIN EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2021

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

MRS 526: PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date: DECEMBER 2021

Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ANY THREE Questions

Q1. Give a critical analysis of William James' *The Varieties of Religious Experience* in relation to the following:

- a) Healthy-Mindedness **(4 Marks)**
- b) The Sick Soul **(4 Marks)**
- c) The Divided Self, and the Process of Unification **(4 Marks)**
- d) Conversion **(4 Marks)**
- e) Saintliness **(4 Marks)**

Q2.

- a) The general exploration of the definition of religion suggests that the concept of religion is multifaceted and multidimensional. Discuss the various dimensions of religious commitment **(10 Marks).**
- b) Explain Fowler's six stages of religious development that are related to Erikson's, Piaget's, and Kohlberg's theories of development **(10 Marks)**

Q3.

- a) Discuss the concept of conversion (10 Marks)
- b) Elaborate in details the two types of conversion (10 Marks)

Q4. Explain the concept of mysticism (20 Marks).

Q5. Discuss the relationship between religion and cults (20 Marks).

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