

PH30R ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Identify and critically assess the major elements in the definition of religion. In your opinion, is Buddhism a religion?
2. Critically examine the notion of rationality in philosophical discourse. Can religious beliefs be rational?
3. State carefully and assess critically the traditional arguments for God's existence. How valid is Kant's criticism of the arguments in Critique of Pure Reason?
4. What do you consider as the relationship between religion and morality? Answer from the points of view of Western and non-Western cultures.
5. Carefully discuss the notion of personal identity in philosophical discourse. What implications does personal identity have for the belief in immortality and afterlife?