

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

SO 5502 - SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date & Time: 29/04/2010 / 1:00 - 4:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Write a short notes on the following in about 30 words each

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. Elements of religion.
2. Values.
3. Secularism.
4. Religion and Dalits.
5. Cult.
6. Denomination.
7. Religion as a way of life.
8. Intra conversion.
9. Non theistic religion.
10. Religious tolerance.

PART – B

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

11. Explain the sociological perspectives of Religion.
12. Examine the importance of sociology of religion.
13. Enumerate the characteristics of religious groups.
14. Enumerate the functions of religious movements.
15. Explain the relationship between social change and religious change.
16. Examine the role of media on religion.
17. Explain the formation of denomination.

PART – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words each

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

18. Define religion. Discuss the nature and scope of sociology of religion.
19. What is Institutionalization of religion? Explain the relation between religion and other social Institutions.
20. What are religious movements? Discuss the merits and demerits of religious movements with examples.
21. Is India a secular nation? If so, why communal riots are on increase – comment on it.

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