



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2014

SO 5502 - SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date : 01/11/2014
Time : 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Answer the following questions in about 30 words each:

(10x2=20 Marks)

1. Define sacred and profane.
2. Identify the major religions of India.
3. List the important elements of religious groups.
4. What is cult?
5. Define social stratification.
6. What do you mean by little and great traditions?
7. Define social change.
8. What is secularism?
9. What is henotheism?
10. What are religious values?

PART – B

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each:

(5x8=40 marks)

11. Examine the importance of the study of Sociology of Religion
12. Write a brief note on religion and women.
13. Explain the impediments in the practice of secularism in India.
14. Examine the functional perspectives of religion.
15. Write a note on Religion and Dalits.
16. Examine the merits and demerits of religious movements.
17. Explain the relation between social change and religious change.

PART – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words each:

(2x20= 40 marks)

18. What are religious groups? Discuss the social process in the evolution of religious groups. Analyse their importance.
19. Define religious movements. Examine the characteristics and functions of religious movements.
20. Define religion. Explain the methods of studying religion.
21. Examine the relation between religion and other social institutions.

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