



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - SOCIOLOGY

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

SO 5504 - SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

(13-BATCH STUDENTS ONLY)

Date : 11/11/2015
Time : 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Answer the following in about 30 words each:

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. Define Religion.
2. What are Rituals?
3. Give the meaning of Religious groups.
4. Define the term 'Sacred'.
5. Define Secularism.
6. Define Religious Values.
7. What is meant by Sect?
8. What is henotheism?
9. Define Social change.
10. What is denomination?

PART – B

Answer any **FIVE** questions in about 300 words each:

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

11. Explain the nature of sociology of religion.
12. Bring out the elements of religious groups.
13. What is institutionalization of religion? What are the dilemmas involved in it?
14. Explain the characteristics of religious movements.
15. Explain the need and relevance of freedom of religion in India.
16. Explain the importance of sociology of religion.
17. Explain the role of religion in the process of social change.

PART – C

Answer any **TWO** questions in about 1200 words each:

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

18. Discuss the sociological perspective of religion.
19. Explain the merits and demerits of religious movements.
20. Analyse the relation between religion and other social institutions.
21. Elucidate the social process in the evolution of religious group with an example.

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