



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY**

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

**SO 2501- SOCIOLOGY OF INDIAN SOCIETY**

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01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

**PART A**

**Answer the following in about 30 words each:**

**(10x2=20 Marks)**

1. Name a few linguistic groups.
2. Mention any two minority religious groups.
3. What is karma?
4. What are 'Purusharthas'?
5. Why is hindu marriage considered a sacrament?
6. Define caste.
7. Compare varna and jati.
8. What is mehr?
9. State the main aims of Christian marriage.
10. Mention any two women who played an important role during independence.

**PART B**

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

**(5x8=40 Marks)**

11. Describe the linguistic and religious diversity of India.
12. Discuss briefly the concepts of dharma, artha, kama and moksha.
13. Examine the features of caste system in India?
14. Analyse the contractual nature of Muslim marriage.
15. Highlight the causes of change in the Indian family.
16. Write a short account of Christian marriage in India.
17. Compare the status of women during the Vedic period.
18. Analyse the concept of compensatory discrimination.

**PART C**

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

**(2x20=40 Marks)**

19. What are ashramas? Discuss the importance of each of the ashramas in Hindu social life.
20. List the characteristic features of caste system and analyse the changing trends.
21. Clarify the notion of minority community and highlight some of the major problems faced by the minority communities in India.
22. Compare and contrast the status of women in pre and post Independent periods.

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