# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

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

FOURTH SEMESTER – **APRIL 2022**

**USO 4602 – SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION**

Date: 23-06-2022 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

## PART – A

Answer **ALL** questions in about **30 words** each: **(10 × 2 = 20 Marks)**

1. Define sociology of religion.
2. What are new religious movements?
3. List any four examples of denominations.
4. What is secularism?
5. State any two reasons for religious conflicts.
6. What is the role of religion in gender discrimination?
7. Mention any two types of religions movements in India.
8. State the importance of studying sociology of religion.
9. Mention any two reasons contributing to fanaticism.
10. Differentiate religion from nationalism.

## PART – B

Answer any **FIVE** questions in about **300 words** each: **(5 × 8 = 40 Marks)**

11. Explain how secularization has brought in changes to the functions of religion.
12. Highlight the impact of fundamentalism on the State.
13. Illuminate on the differences between denomination and religion.
14. Give an account of the functionalist perspective on religion.
15. Discuss the foundation and significance of Arya Samaj.
16. Describe the domain of sacred and magic in religion.
17. Elucidate the social significance of pilgrimages.

## PART – C

Answer any **TWO** questions in about **1200 words** each: **(2 × 20 = 40 Marks)**

18. Critically argue whether religion is a cohesive or conflicting force.
19. Analytically bring out the features of sociological perspectives on religion.
20. Evaluate the theories connected with the gender difference in religion.
21. Discuss the contributions of religious movements to the Indian society.

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