



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

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PSO1MC04 – INDIAN SOCIETY STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES

Date: 15-11-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 pm-04:00 pm

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 True or False

- Sanskritization as a process of social change results only in structural changes in caste hierarchy without any positional changes in caste status.
- The “book view” of rural India is largely an Indological and Orientalist construction from Hindu scriptures and historical records.
- Secularism refers to the social process in which religious beliefs, practices, and institutions lose social significance.
- Redfieldian notion of ‘peasant studies’ had a significant influence on the emergence of ‘village studies’ in India.
- Louis Dumont argued that Indian civilization shared similar values of hierarchy and holism as that of the Western world.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

- Abbe Dubois - Asiatic Society of Bengal
- McKim Marriott - Religion and Society among the Coorgs
- Louis Dumont - Approach of Little and Great traditions
- Sir William Jones - Hindu Manners, Customs and Ceremonies (based on study of Mysore)
- M.N. Srinivas - Homo Hierarchicus

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Apply your sociological imagination on the identity of ‘Hindu’.
- Identify any two important factors behind the disintegration of traditional order in Indian villages.
- Develop a sociological perspective on the term ‘Dalit’.
- Identify any two Indologists and bring out the relevance of their works.
- Evaluate on the concept of ‘Brahmanical Patriarchy’.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Analyse the idea of ‘castelessness’ in contemporary India.
 - Examine the ‘episteme’ of the ‘Orientalist discourse’ that was widely prevalent during the era of European imperialism.
- 10 Explain the dimensions of caste-based discrimination and exclusion of lower castes in Indian context.

1 1	Distinguish between the meanings attached to the term 'Untouchable' in Western and Indian traditions.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words (1 x 15 = 15)
1 2	Assess the concept of 'Secularism' in contemporary Indian context.
1 3	Critically evaluate the sociological image of rural India by considering the varied viewpoints of scholars on the substantive realities of village life in India.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
1 4	Discuss in detail on various conceptional frameworks and approaches to the study of social change in India.
1 5	Elaborate on the foundational categories that social anthropologists identified to study Indian society and traditions.
