



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHILOSOPHY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2022

PPL 2601 – THE PHILOSOPHY OF POPULAR RELIGIOSITY

Date: 26-04-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

PART- A

Write a short notes on the following:

(6x6=36 Marks)

1. Nature of popular religiosity.
2. Spiritual magnetism.
3. Life cycle rituals.
4. Stages of a pilgrimage.
5. Difference between Popular, common and historical religion.
6. Shrine as a phenomenon of popular religiosity.

PART- B

Answer the following questions:

(4x16=64 Marks)

7A. What is a pilgrimage? Illustrate the reasons for undertaking a pilgrimage.

(OR)

7B. Define popular devotion and state the limits and dangers of popular devotion.

8A. Highlight the salient features in the article “Velankanni Mata, India’s Blessed and Blessing Mother” by Tom Landy.

(OR)

8B. Critically assess Sudhir Kakkar’s understanding of popular religiosity.

9A. Illustrate the role of culture in popular religious expressions.

(OR)

9B. Explain the understanding of God, world, human being and evil in popular religious practices.

10A. Explain how popular religiosity promote human emancipation?

(OR)

10B. Critically evaluate the visit to Mazhai Malai Madha shrine and its significance in popular religiosity.

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