

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2016

SO 5502 – SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

Date: 30-04-2016

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

PART - A

Answer the following questions in about 30 words each:

(10x2=20 Marks)

1. Define Religion.
2. Distinguish inter and intra religious conversion.
3. Mention any four minor religious groups found in India.
4. What is sect?
5. What is the role of women in religion?
6. Do Dalit's have religion? What is their religious status?
7. Define social change.
8. Mention any four religious movements.
9. What is communalism?
10. What is polytheism?

PART – B

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each:

(5x8=40 Marks)

11. Define sociology of religion. Explain the scope of sociology of religion.
12. Examine the relevance and importance of religious groups
13. Explain the relationship between religion and other social institutions.
14. Do Indian women have religious status? Discuss.
15. Analyse the merits and demerits of religious movements in India.
16. Highlight on the Prominent Religious Issues that confront contemporary society.
17. Write a note on Indian constitution and the freedom of religion.

PART – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words each

(2x20= 40 Marks)

18. What are religious groups? Explain the characteristics and issues related to religious groups
19. Write an essay on institutionalization of religion.
20. Explain the relationship between social change and religious change and discuss the impact of social change on religion.
21. Define social movement. Explain the characteristics and functions of religious movements with examples.

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