



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

SIXTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

SO 615 – SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION



Date: 29-04-2025

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A

Answer ANY FOUR of the following

4 x 10 = 40 Marks

1. Explain the functionalist theories of religion.
2. Distinguish between religion and magic.
3. Analyze the significance of gender in sociology of religion.
4. Evaluate the nature and scope of sociology of religion.
5. Examine the role and impact of secularization.
6. Highlight the features of the 'Theosophical Society'.
7. Critically evaluate the politicization of religion and its implication on social fabric.
8. Discuss the foundation and significance of Arya Samaj.

SECTION B

Answer ANY THREE of the following

3 x 20 = 60 Marks

9. Construct a Marxian view on nature of religions in contemporary times.
10. Classify and explain the types of religious organizations.
11. Elaborate on Roy Wallis's classification of New Religious Movements.
12. Analyze the significance of gender in sociology of religion.
13. Discuss how caste and class determine the health outcomes in India.
14. Explain religious fundamentalism and the reasons for its emergence and expansion.
