



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

USO 4602 – SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
1. Definitions		
a)	Religion	
b)	Cult	
c)	Fundamentalism	
d)	Secularism	
e)	Sociography	
2. Match the following		
a)	Karl Marx	Women's status in the Brahmanical social order.
b)	Religious regard for civic values	Religion is the opium of the masses
c)	Uma Chakravarti	The Arya Samaj
d)	Kali's iconography	Civil religion
e)	Swami Dayananda Saraswati	Challenges the hegemony of the masculine

SECTION A - K2 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
3. True or False		
a)	Sect is the final stage in the evolution of religious organisations.	
b)	Marx believed that social life was impossible without moral beliefs and emphasized in the importance of collective worship.	
c)	The Theosophical Society was founded by Henry Olcott.	
d)	The religious fundamentalists believe in the equality of all religions.	
e)	The Calvinists are known for their refusal to accept blood transfusions due to religious beliefs.	
4. Answer the following		
a)	Differentiate between religion and magic.	
b)	List any two functions of religion.	
c)	What is sacralisation of the state?	
d)	Expand UCC.	
e)	State any two new religious movements.	

SECTION B - K3 (CO2)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.	(2 x 10 = 20)
5.	Elucidate any two methods employed in the study of Sociology of religion.	
6.	Examine the features and principles of the theosophical society.	
7.	Analyse religion from a gender perspective.	
8.	Discuss whether religion is a cohesive or a conflicting force.	

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.****(2 x 10 = 20)**

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| 9. | Classify and explain the various types of religious organisations. |
| 10. | Demonstrate the association between religion and nationalism. |
| 11. | Illustrate the features of Arya Samaj. |
| 12. | Evaluate the Marxian perspective on religion. |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words****(1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 13. | Compare and contrast the role of fundamentalism and secularism in contemporary society. |
| 14. | Analyse the Functionalist and Weberian perspectives on religion. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words****(1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 15. | Summarise and evaluate the association between gender, health and religion. |
| 16. | Critically evaluate the contributions of new religious movements with examples. |
