

3 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 6

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(Held in April–May, 2021)

SOCIOLOGY

(Core)

Paper : C-6

(Sociology of Religion)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×8=8

(a) “Religion is not merely a single cult but is made up of a system of cults that possess a certain autonomy.”

Whose statement is this?

- (i) Max Weber
- (ii) Émile Durkheim
- (iii) B. Malinowski

(b) Who of the following sociologists believes that ‘religion is the opium of masses’?

- (i) Karl Marx
- (ii) Max Weber
- (iii) Émile Durkheim

(c) “Religious belief can provide not only a sense of identity and community for people but also an experience of stability.”

Within which of the following is this view most likely to be expressed?

- (i) Monotheism
- (ii) Social cohesion
- (iii) Rational humanism

(d) Who is the author of the book, *Religion and Society among the Coorgs of South India*?

- (i) B. Malinowski
- (ii) M. N. Srinivas
- (iii) Robert Hertz

(e) Religious experience must have a _____ frame of experience.

- (i) theistic
- (ii) spiritual
- (iii) contemporary

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(f) Which of the following does not involve the belief in a supernatural being?

- (i) Animatism
- (ii) Animism
- (iii) Ancestral spirit

(g) Animism is a belief in

- (i) ancestral ghosts or spirits
- (ii) otiose deities
- (iii) spirit that are in natural objects such as trees, rivers, etc.

(h) The set of shared beliefs, behaviours, and attitudes associated with a large group of people is called

- (i) religion
- (ii) culture
- (iii) social framework

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following
(**within 150 words** each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) The idea of Divine Justice
- (b) Animism
- (c) Religion and State
- (d) The Sacred Community and Exclusion
- (e) Magic and Religion

(4)

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions
(**within 500 words** each) : $14 \times 4 = 56$

(a) Critically discuss the sociological significance of religion. 14

(b) What do you mean by Asceticism? Critically examine the Protestant work ethic as stated by Max Weber in his book, *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. $4 + 10 = 14$

(c) What is Eschatology? Critically analyze the significance of theodicy in philosophy. $4 + 10 = 14$

(d) Explain the concept of Rationality as discussed by Max Weber. In this regard discuss the relevance of rationality in religion from your own understanding. $7 + 7 = 14$

(e) Critically evaluate the social implications of the ideas of the death and salvation with special reference to Hinduism. 14

(f) What is Prayer? Critically examine prayer as a technique of religion. $4 + 10 = 14$

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