BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

June, 2012

ELECTIVE COURSE : SOCIOLOGY
ESO-05/15 : SOCIETY AND RELIGION

Time : 3 hours  Maximum Marks :100
(Weightage 70%)

Note : Answer questions from all three sections as per the instructions given below.

SECTION-I

Answer any two of the following questions in about 500 words each.

1. Critically examine the various intellectualist theories of religion. 20

2. What do you understand by 'ritual'? Discuss its significance in the study of religion. 20

3. Elaborate the meaning of religious pluralism as a social fact in Indian society. 20

4. Discuss the concept of secularism and its various dimensions in India. 20

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SECTION-II

Answer four of the following questions in about 250 words each.

5. "Religion concerns itself with the super natural and the sacred". Discuss. 12

6. Differentiate between cult and denomination. 12

7. Discuss the similarities between the Bhakti traditions and Sufism. 12

8. Discuss the rise and decline of Buddhism in India. 12

9. Explain the social significance of the family among the Muslims. 12

10. Write an overview of Durkheim's understanding of religion. 12
SECTION-III

Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words each.

11. Explain the concept of civil religion with suitable illustrations.

12. Describe the concept of 'calling' in Calvinism.

13. Distinguish between fundamentalism and communalism.