PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2016

SOCIOLOGY

(3rd Semester)

Course No. : SOCCC–303 (ii)

(Sociology of Religion)

Full Marks : 70
Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer **five** questions, selecting **one** from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. What is sociology of religion? Discuss its scope. 5+9=14

2. Give a typology of religions. 14

UNIT—II

3. Critically discuss Marxian theory of religion. 14

4. Examine Durkheim's functional theory of religion. 14

UNIT—III

5. *(a)* What are the major religions of India? 4

(b) Discuss briefly the historical evolution of different religions in India. 10

6. Explain the demographic trends of different religions in contemporary India. 14

UNIT—IV

7. *(a)* What do you know by sacred knowledge? 6

(b) How do you relate it with sociology of knowledge? Explain. 8

8. "Secularism is a misnomer in Indian politics." Reflect and give answer. 14

UNIT—V

9. "Social change is myth and religion is absurd." Comment. 14

10. Write short notes on the following : 7×2=14

(a) Social change and religion

(b) Sects and cults of religion

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