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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 more or less coherent system of beliefs and practices concerning a supernatural order of beings, forces, places or other entities." Who said this?

(i) B. Malinowski

(ii) MacIver and Page

(iii) H. M. Johnson

(iv) Max Weber

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

(i) institution

(2)

- (ii) culture
 - (iii) religion
 - (iv) social framework
- (c) *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* is written by
- (i) Max Weber
 - (ii) Herbert Spencer
 - (iii) Marcel Mauss
 - (iv) Robert Hertz
- (d) Who is the founder of 'the naturalism theory'?
- (i) David Hume
 - (ii) Max Müller
 - (iii) E. B. Tylor
 - (iv) Peter Berger
- (e) How many areas of magic are mentioned by Emile Durkheim?
- (i) Two
 - (ii) Three
 - (iii) Four
 - (iv) Five
- (f) Ritual is the matter of
- (i) formal, ceremonial behaviour
 - (ii) who people socialize with
 - (iii) beliefs about truth
 - (iv) All of the above

(3)

- (g) A particular system of religious belief and teachings is called
- (i) theology
 - (ii) sect
 - (iii) spirituality
 - (iv) religion
- (h) "The belief that a magical practice performed on one object can have an effect upon another object" is called
- (i) repetitive magic
 - (ii) black magic
 - (iii) sympathetic magic
 - (iv) white magic

2. Write on any *four* of the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16

- (a) The sacred community and exclusion
- (b) Totem and taboo in tribal religion
- (c) Concept of sacred and profane
- (d) Religion and State
- (e) 'Quality of time' by Evans-Pritchard
- (f) Tribal religious faith in North-East India
- (g) Relation between community and religion
- (h) Beliefs and rituals of Mishing or Bodo

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

- (a) What is religion? Discuss the basic principles of Hindu religion. 4+10=14

- (b) Explain the concept of rationality as discussed by Max Weber. In this regard, discuss the relevance of rationality in religion from your own understanding. 4+10=14
- (c) "Witchcraft was an ancient religious craft." Critically analyze the statement with special reference to North-East India. 14
- (d) Discuss E. E. Pritchard views on Time and Space. 14
- (e) What is religious Solitude? Explain Malinowski's perspective on Religion and Solitude. 4+10=14
- (f) What do you mean by prayer? Discuss prayer as a social phenomenon from the approach of Marcel Mauss' book, *On Prayer*. 4+10=14
- (g) Explain the concept of 'asceticism' and 'accumulation'. How can asceticism and accumulation contradict each other? Discuss. 7+7=14
- (h) What is myth? Discuss it by citing examples from the society of North-East India. 4+10=14
- (i) Discuss M. N. Srinivas' explanation on religion with suitable examples. 14
