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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 is a social institution that is best defined as involving

(i) beliefs and practices concerning what is sacred

(ii) ideas about good and evil

(iii) a series of beliefs about creation

(iv) norms about how to live

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- (b) Ritual is a matter of
- (i) formal, ceremonial behaviour
 - (ii) who people socialize with
 - (iii) beliefs about truth
 - (iv) All of the above
- (c) 'Yoga' is most closely associated with which religious traditions?
- (i) Christianity
 - (ii) Judaism
 - (iii) Hinduism
 - (iv) Islamism
- (d) The author of the book, *Magic, Science and Religion* is
- (i) Emile Durkheim
 - (ii) M. N. Srinivas
 - (iii) Malinowski
 - (iv) None of them
- (e) "Prayer has been remarkable tree which having ground up in the shade of other trees." Who said this?
- (i) Marcel Mauss
 - (ii) Evans-Pritchard
 - (iii) Bronishow
 - (iv) Malinowski

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- (f) Who among the following is the founder of the theory of animism?
- (i) Max Muller
 - (ii) Edward Taylor
 - (iii) Emile Durkheim
 - (iv) Bronislaw Malinowski
- (g) Which of the following is the sacred book of Hinduism?
- (i) Vedas
 - (ii) Upanishads
 - (iii) *Ramayana*
 - (iv) All of the above
- (h) The areas of magic mentioned by Emile Durkheim are
- (i) two
 - (ii) three
 - (iii) four
 - (iv) five
2. Write on any *four* from the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16
- (a) Concept of sacred and profane
 - (b) Relation between community and religion
 - (c) Social function of religion

- (d) Concept of religion and solitude
- (e) Differences between religion and magic
- (f) Max Weber's views on rationality of religion

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

- (a) How can you define religion? Critically discuss the sociological explanation of religion by Emile Durkheim. 4+10=14
- (b) Explain the concept of 'asceticism' and 'accumulation'. How can asceticism and accumulation contradict each other? Discuss. 7+7=14
- (c) What are pure and impure rituals in religion? Write with examples of religious purity mentioned by M. N. Srinivas. 7+7=14
- (d) Critically evaluate Durkheim's perspective on sacred, myths and rituals. 14
- (e) Write an essay on belief and rituals of two ethnic groups of North-East India. 14
- (f) What do you mean by prayer? Write the different characteristics of prayer mentioned by Marcel Mauss. 14

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