BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

December, 2018

ELECTIVE COURSE: SOCIOLOGY
ESO-15: SOCIETY AND RELIGION

Time: 3 hours  Maximum Marks: 100

Note: This question paper has three sections. Attempt the questions as instructed in each section.

SECTION I

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

1. Explain the sociological understanding of religion. 20

2. What is religious ritual? Discuss its various functions. 20
3. Discuss the various dimensions of pilgrimage.

4. Explain how religious groups are formed and how they sustain themselves.
SECTION II

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

5. Write a critique of Durkheim's understanding of religion.

6. Write a note on structural approach to religion.

7. Describe 'Slametan' as a core ritual in Javanese religion.

8. Explain the relationship between religion and economic order.

9. Discuss the relationship between caste and religion with examples.

10. Explain basic features of a tribal religion with suitable examples.

11. Discuss religious pluralism as social fact in India.
SECTION III

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

12. Write a note on secularism.

13. Discuss briefly the ghost theory of religion.

14. Explain the cognitive function of religion.

15. Discuss the social function of Okka.