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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 not merely a single cult but is made up of a system of cults that possess a certain autonomy." Who said this?

(i) Emile Durkheim

(ii) Max Weber

(iii) Malinowski

- (b) The author of the book, *Religion and Society among the Coorgs of South India* is
- (i) Emile Durkheim
 - (ii) Radcliffe-Brown
 - (iii) M. N. Srinivas
- (c) "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
- (d) The concept of calling or God calling is associated with
- (i) Protestant religion
 - (ii) Catholic religion
 - (iii) Hindu religion
 - (iv) None of the above
- (e) Which ethnic group mentioned by Evans-Pritchard studies about time-space?
- (i) Nuer
 - (ii) Arunta
 - (iii) Adi
 - (iv) None of the above

- (f) "Prayer has been remarkable tree which having ground up in the shade of other tree." Who said this statement?
- (i) Bronishow
 - (ii) Malinowski
 - (iii) Marcel Mauss
 - (iv) R. K. Merton
- (g) Max Müller was the founder of which religious theory?
- (i) Theory of animism
 - (ii) Theory of naturalism
 - (iii) Functional theory
 - (iv) Conflict theory
- (h) The concept of sacred and profane was given by
- (i) Emile Durkheim
 - (ii) M. N. Srinivas
 - (iii) Malinowski
 - (iv) Coser
2. Write on any *four* from the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16
- (a) Religious asceticism and accumulation
 - (b) Totem and taboo in tribal religion
 - (c) Quality of time by Evans-Pritchard
 - (d) Relation between State and Religion
 - (e) Functions of negative cult of religion
 - (f) Religious impure rituals

3. Answer any four from the following questions

(within 500 words each) : 14×4=56

- (a) What is religious solitude? Explain the Malinowski's perspective on religion and solitude. 4+10=14
- (b) Express the meaning of religion from the perspective of Emile Durkheim. Discuss the social function of religion as mentioned by Emile Durkheim in his book, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. 14
- (c) What do you mean by prayer? Discuss prayer as a social phenomenon from the approach of Marcel Mauss' book, *On Prayer*. 4+10=14
- (d) How can Max Weber explain rationality of religion? Discuss about rationality of religion as explained by Max Weber in his book, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. 14
- (e) "Witchcraft was an ancient religious craft." Critically analyze the statement with special reference to North-East India. 14
- (f) Discuss M. N. Srinivas' explanation on religion with suitable examples. 14

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