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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

- (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

- (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
