

M. A. (Final) Examination, 2001

SOCIOLOGY

Paper — IX (B)

Sociology of Religion

Time: 3 Hours]

[Maximum: Marks 100

Attempt **five** questions in all.
All questions carry equal marks

1. Define Sociology of Religion and discuss its nature.
2. How has Durkheim defined religion and religious phenomena? How has he criticised the notion of mystery?
3. "Religious and economic factors are interrelated and inter-dependent." Discuss with reference to Weber.
4. Write an essay on the Origin and Evolution of Religion.
5. Analyse the importance of religion in social life.
6. Evaluate the social significance of rituals and festivals.
7. Do you agree with the view that religion not only unites, it divides also? Support your answer with the help of Indian examples.
8. Discuss the basic tenets of Hinduism and analyse the controversy of Hindutva.
9. Examine the social significance of Bhakti Movement.
10. Write short notes on any **two** of the following
 - (i) Sacred and Profane
 - (ii) Islam
 - (iii) Secularism
 - (iv) Arya Samaj