

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2023 – 2024)

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2026
BRANCH III - SOCIOLOGY
SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR CORE
PAPER : SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION
SUBJECT CODE : 23SC/MC/SR64
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS : 100**

Q. No.	SECTION A (20 x1=20 marks) Fill in the blanks /T or F/ Answer in One word	CO	KL
1	The _____ definition of religion focuses on belief in supernatural powers.	CO1	K1
2	Theoretical expression of faith is known as _____	CO1	K1
3	According to _____ religion promotes social solidarity.	CO1	K1
4	_____ perspective views religion as Integrating force.	CO1	K1
5	_____ is an extreme adherence to the core rules of any set of beliefs.	CO1	K1
6	Totemism is associated with Modern religion. TRUE / FALSE	CO1	K1
7	Collective worship creates Anomie. TRUE/FALSE	CO1	K1
8	Symbolic interactionism studies micro-level interactions. TRUE / FALSE	CO1	K1
9	New Religious Movements are characterized by Modern reinterpretation. TRUE / FALSE	CO1	K1
10	Secularism refers to equal respect for all religions. TRUE / FALSE	CO1	K1
11	Animism was proposed by..... (a) Max Weber (b) E.B. Tylor (c) Durkheim (d) Peter Berger.	CO1	K1
12	_____ is not the social functions of the religion. (a). Fostering solidarity (b).Social Control (c) Existential security (d) Shared values	CO1	K1
13	_____ theory sees religion as tools of oppression. (a). Conflict (b).Symbolic interactionism (c) Rational Choice (d) Functionalism	CO1	K1
14	Proselytism means _____ (a). Conversion (b).Secularism (c). Fundamentalism (d). Communalism	CO1	K1
15	Religion influences politics through (a). Identify politics (b) Policy making (c). Voting behaviour (d) All the above	CO1	K1

16	The concept of Collective Conscience was developed by _____. Answer:	CO1	K1
17	The term Sacred Canopy was introduced by _____. Answer:	CO1	K1
18	The theory of Naturalism in religion was proposed by _____. Answer:	CO1	K1
19	The doctrine of Salvation Theology is associated with _____. Answer:	CO1	K1
20	The study linking Religion and Economic Behaviour was explored by _____. Answer:	CO1	K1
Q. No.	SECTION-B (4 x 5=20 marks) (Answer any 4 out of 6 questions in 100 words each)	CO	KL
21	Differentiate between substantive and functional definitions of religion with suitable examples.	CO2	K2
22	Discuss the major sociological functions of religion.	CO2	K2
23	Identify the key ideas of the functionalist perspective on religion.	CO2	K2
24	Describe the Marxist perspective on religion and its view on inequality.	CO2	K2
25	Illustrate with an example to explain how religion can influence political decisions.	CO2	K2
26	Clarify the process of proselytization.	CO2	K2
Q. No.	SECTION -C (2 x 20 = 40 marks) (Answer any 2 questions one from each subdivision in about 1000 words each)	CO	KL
27 a)	Examine Pre- historic and Primitive Religions (OR)	CO3	K3
b)	Apply Social Conflict Theory to explain Religion		
28 a)	Analyse with relevant examples on how social and economic development progressed intertwined with Religion. (OR)	CO4	K4
b)	Investigate the pros and consequences of India being labelled a secular nation since time immemorial.		
Q. No.	SECTION D (2 x 10 = 20 marks) (Answer any 2 out of the 4 questions in 500 words each)	CO	KL
29.	Appraise the important differences between religious experience and expressions.	CO5	K5
30.	Analyze the factors of Communalism.	CO5	K5
31.	Evaluate the significant functions of religion.	CO5	K5
32.	Argue on the relevance of symbolic interactionism in understanding religion.	CO5	K5