

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008-09 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: **SC/MC/IS14**

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2010
BRANCH III – SOCIOLOGY
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : SOCIOLOGY OF INDIAN SOCIETY
TIME : 3 HOURS MAX.MARKS:100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 50 WORDS. (10X2=20)

1. Give the meaning of the ideal of 'unity in diversity'.
2. Why are the 'asrama' and 'varna' referred to as the cornerstones of the Hindu social organization?.
3. Explain Dharma.
4. Differentiate between 'varna and 'jati'.
5. What is meant by caste mobility?
6. What does the term 'dominant caste' signify?
7. Is there caste among Muslims? What are they?
8. State the aims of Christian marriage.
9. Define Kinship.
10. What is meant by the term 'sanskritization'?

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 250 WORDS. (5X8=40)

11. Explain the racial features of Indian society.
12. Describe briefly the linguistic diversity of India.
13. Examine briefly the Hindu theory of 'purusharthas'.
14. Analyze dysfunctions of caste.
15. Write a brief note on the changing trends in caste system.
16. Briefly discuss Muslim marriage and divorce.
17. Describe the different types of family.
18. Elucidate the process of secularization.

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS. EACH ANSWER NOT TO EXCEED 1000 WORDS. (2X20=40)

19. What are 'ashramas'? Illustrate the importance of the four ashramas of life.
20. What is caste system? Discuss the origin and features of caste in India.
21. Describe the changes that occur in the joint family system in India and examine the causes of such changes.
22. Critically examine the impact of westernization on Indian society.
