

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2015 – 2016 and thereafter)
SUBJECT CODE: 15SC/MC/SR65

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019
BRANCH III - SOCIOLOGY
SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE

PAPER : SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX.MARKS: 100

SECTION – A

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

1. Define Religion.
2. What is Sociology of Religion?
3. List down the major sociological perspectives on religion.
4. Specify any two assumptions of the structural-functional theory of religion.
5. Give suitable examples of religious stratification in India.
6. Define Secularism.
7. What is meant by socio-historical perspective of religion?
8. Define fundamentalism.
9. What is meant by 'Ecclesia'?
10. List the different types of religious movements in India.

SECTION – B

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

11. Highlight the sociological functions of religion.
12. Enumerate the major propositions of the social constructionist theory of religion.
13. Elucidate the influence of economic development on religion.
14. The core of all religions is 'TRUTH and LOVE' – Offer your comments.
15. Track the direction of the New Religious Movements in India.
16. Specify the essential differences between Christianity and Islam.
17. Bring out the relationship between religion and cultural change.
18. Is religious status ascribed or achieved? Answer from the view point of conversion.

SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS NOT EXCEEDING 1200 WORDS EACH. (2x20=40)

19. Write a detailed essay on pre-historic and primitive religion.
20. Elaborate the Social Conflict Theory of religion.
21. Critically evaluate the interplay of religion and politics in India.
22. Examine the constitutional provision of secularism and its practice in India.
