BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
Term-End Examination
December, 2015

ELECTIVE COURSE : SOCIOLOGY
ESO-15 : SOCIETY AND RELIGION

Time : 3 hours Maximum Marks : 100

Note : The question paper has three sections. Attempt the questions as instructed in each section.

SECTION I

Answer any two of the following questions in about 500 words each.

1. Discuss the shifting perspectives on the study of religion. 20

2. Analyse a religion of your choice in terms of its functions. 20

3. Highlight the salient points of the study of rituals with suitable illustrations. 20

4. Explain the concept of civil religion. 20
SECTION II

Answer any four of the following questions in about 250 words each.

5. Write a brief note on any two of the following religious groupings in India – Math, Marg, Sampradaya, Sangh, Mat and Panth.

6. Describe the main characteristics of sects, cults and denominations.

7. Explain the meaning of religious pluralism in India.

8. Discuss two contemporary personalised cults in Hinduism.

9. Write a note on sects and their sub-divisions in the Christian Church.

10. Describe the Sikh code of conduct.

11. Write a short essay on the Arya Samaj movement in India.
SECTION III

Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words each.

12. State in brief the societal functions of rituals.

13. Define pilgrimage and give its significant features.

14. Explain with examples the concept of secularism in India.

15. (a) What is common between a sign and a symbol?
    (b) What is 'Mana'?
    (c) What is 'Churinga'?