BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMME

Term-End Examination

December, 2012

ELECTIVE COURSE : SOCIOLOGY
ESO-05/15 : SOCIETY AND RELIGION

amespace: 3 hours  
Maximum Marks : 100

Note: Answer the questions from all three sections as per the instructions given.

SECTION-I

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

1. Critically examine the significance of the functionalist approach to the study of religion.  

2. Explain the relationship between religion and politics with suitable examples.  

3. Discuss the concept of 'secularization' and its emergence as a social process.  

4. Analyze the social significance of pilgrimages in India.
SECTION-II

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

5. Describe 'Slametan' as a core ritual in Javanese religion.

6. 'Religion determines the economic order of society'. Discuss critically.

7. Explain the theological and metaphysical bases of Hinduism.

8. Discuss the social and political background of the emergence of Buddhism in India.

9. Explain the significance of religious symbols in society.

10. Elaborate the relation between religion and magic with suitable illustrations.
Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words each.

11. Examine the religious significance of life-cycle rituals.

12. Discuss the notion of worldly asceticism.

13. Discuss the concept of civil religion.