BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAMME
Term-End Examination
June, 2017

ELECTIVE COURSE : SOCIOLOGY
ESO-15 : SOCIETY AND RELIGION

Time : 3 hours  Maximum Marks : 100

Note: This 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 need to study religious beliefs, in the discipline of Sociology.

2. Discuss the functionalist approach to the study of religion.
3. Examine the relationship between fundamentalism, communalism and secularism.  

4. Outline the social significance of religious festivals.
SECTION II

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

5. What is a life cycle ritual? Explain.

6. Compare and contrast Sufism with Bhakti cult.

7. Examine the relationship between religion and the economic order.

8. Identify the basic tenets of Islam.

9. What are the main features of tribal religion? Explain with the help of examples.

10. Outline the meaning and nature of religious pluralism.

11. “Birhor religion is a religion without metaphysics.” Discuss.
SECTION III

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

12. Differentiate between a priest and a prophet.

13. Write a brief note on Secularism and Secularisation.

14. What is civil religion?

15. Distinguish between Sect and Cult.