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VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY
Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - III

Subject : SOCIOLOGY

Paper : C 6-T

(Sociology of Religion)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

(Theory)

Group-A

A. Answer any **four** of the following questions :

12×4=48

1. Explain Weber's thesis on the association between the 'Protestant Ethic' and 'The Spirit of Capitalism'.
2. What did Durkheim mean by 'sacred' and 'profane'? What according to Durkheim is the sociological importance of religion? 6+6
3. What is magic? Elucidate the difference between magic, religion and science. 4+8
4. Elaborate the functional aspects of religion.

5. Why is religion considered as a mechanism of social control? Explain with reason.
6. Write a note on Malinowski's views on religion.
7. What is prayer? What, according to Marcel Mauss, function and importance of prayer in religion? 3+9
8. How did Weber defined theodicy? Elaborate Weber's theory on theodicy. 4+8

Group-B

B. Answer any **six** of the following questions : 2×6=12

9. Who said that religion is the 'opium of the masses'?
 10. Who wrote the book 'The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life'?
 11. What is totem?
 12. What is ritual?
 13. Who is the author of the book 'Magic, Science and Religion and other essays'?
 14. What is eschatology?
 15. What is meant by Asceticism?
 16. What is calling?
 17. How did Malinowski conceptualised religion?
 18. 'Religion and Society among Coorgs of South India'—Who is the author of this famous book?
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