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

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 given in each section.

SECTION I

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

1. Write a short essay on the need to understand religion sociologically.  

2. Discuss the gradual shift from the question of origin to functions in the study of religion.  

3. Examine the ritual behaviour as it occurs in everyday life.  

4. Discuss the communal feast or 'Slametan' — a core ritual in Javanese religion.
SECTION II

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

5. Examine the Max Weber’s views on Hinduism and Capitalism.

6. Differentiate between a prophet and a priest.

7. Discuss some features of secularism in India.

8. Discuss the structure of the rituals of the Birhor tribe of India.

9. State in brief the religious practices and way of life of the Jains in India.

10. Discuss the major sects in Islam.

11. Write a short note on spread of Sufism in India.
SECTION III

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

12. Discuss the Ramakrishna Mission as a modern religious movement in India. 6

13. Write a short note on the Sikh death rituals. 6

14. Discuss the social significance of religious festivals. 6

15. Enumerate the main features of Veerashaivism. 6