

M.A. Semester-I Examination 2016
Comparative Religion
Course : II
Sociology of Religion (Classical)

Time : Three Hours

Full Marks : 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer Question No. **6** and **any three** from the rest.

1. What is sociology of Religion? Explain its salient features according to Durkheim and Weber. 4+6=10
 2. What is the definition of religion according to Durkheim? How does he arrive at it? 3+7=10
 3. What is collective consciousness? Explain its role in the function of religion. 5+5=10
 4. What is 'break through'? How does prophecy achieve it? Explain. 5+5=10
 5. Explain Weber's notions on the process of asceticism and mysticism. 5+5=10
 6. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (i) Time and space are of social origin
 - (ii) Criticisms against Animism
 - (iii) Rationalization
 - (iv) Magic Vs Religion
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