

Self evaluation
Lecture 18: Religion-IV

Objective questions

Instructions: Please read the following instructions carefully before writing your answers:

- 1) Each Question carries 1 mark.
 - 2) There are ten names/phrases/statements against each concept out of which only one is the most appropriate matching name/phrase/statement. Identify it by writing the Sl. No. of the phrase/statement as the most appropriate alternative.
 - 3) **The discarded answer if any, must be crossed properly and supported by initial of the candidate.**
 - 4) If a question is answered wrongly or more than one answers are marked, 0.10 marks will be deducted for each such question.
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Match the entries in Column 2 with Arguments in Column 3.

Sl. No.	Column 2: Concept	Column 3: Name/Phrase/statement	Alternative
1.	Kuruksheetra	How to stop suffering?	
2.	Religious beliefs	Quasi-religion	
3.	Plural society	Sacred symbol of Muslims	
4.	Bronislaw Malinowski's explanation of religion	Religious rituals	
5.	Sacred and profane	As serving cognitive and emotional needs of people and providing meanings of real life events and explaining ill-understood phenomena	
6.	Utilitarianism	Belong to community as they are the common beliefs of the entire community	
7.	Talcott Parsons defines religion	Existence of a number of belief systems between some of which there is a possibility of conflict	
8.	Response to stressful situation and great stakes	The land of righteousness	
9.	786	Emile Durkheim	
10.	The basic question of Hindu religious thought	Relates religion to needs of individuals and societies, specially uncertainties and anxieties, as among fishermen	

Subjective questions

- Q.1. What is the concept of plural society?
- Q.2. How does Talcott Parsons define religion?
- Q.3. Does Parsons' definition fit all existing world religions?
- Q.4. Write a short note on Hindu religious thought.
- Q.5. Distinguish between sacred and profane. Give two examples of each.

Exercises

- E.1. Make a list of five things considered to be sacred and five things considered to be profane in your religious community.
- E.2. What are special problems of plural society? Would India have lesser conflicts and lesser problems if all people of India subscribed to one faith – Hinduism?
- E.3. Criticize the Durkheim's view that God is society.
- E.4. Read the last chapter of Gita? Does it provide any answer to your existential questions?
- E.5. What are the aims of festivals and fairs in religion?