

ESO-15

**Bachelor Degree Programme
(BDP)**

Assignment for July 2019 and January 2020 Sessions

**Elective Course in Sociology-15
(Society and Religion)**



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ASSIGNMENT

Dear Student,

You will have to complete one assignment for an eight-credit elective course in Sociology. This is a Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA).

It is important that you write answer to all TMA questions in your own words. Your answer should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for a particular section. Remember, the constant practice while writing answers to assignment questions help you to write better answers to questions in term-end examination.

The TMA is designed to enable you to write answers to different categories of questions. The Assignment is divided into three sections. Section 1 comprises 2 descriptive questions of 20 marks each. Descriptive Category Questions are meant for writing essay type answers, with an introduction and a conclusion. Here, the evaluators have been asked to judge your ability to describe that you know about the topic in a systematic, to-the-point and coherent manner.

Section 2 comprises 4 questions that of 12 marks each. Here, you are requested to first analyse the topic in terms of arguments and explanations and then write the answers in a concise as well as precise manner. The evaluator shall assess your ability to distinguish, compare and contrast, or, present clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Section 3 comprises 2 questions of 6 marks each. These are meant to enhance your skill of recall in brief the relevant/precise information about persons, writings, events, exact definition to terms, or clear understanding of concepts and processes.

Submission: The completed assignments should be submitted to the Coordinator of your Study Centre.

Last date for submission of assignment is

31st March, 2020 for the students appearing in the June 2020 Term End Examination

30th September, 2020 for the students appearing in December 2020 Term End Examination

You must **obtain receipt from the Study Centre for the assignments submitted and retain it**. If possible, keep a xerox copy of the assignments with you. The Study Centre will have to return the assignments to you after they are evaluated. Please insist on this. The Study Centre has to send the marks to the SED Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

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Maximum Marks: 100
Weightage 30%

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Answer all the questions.

Section 1

Answer the following questions in about 500 words each. Marks

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| 1. What is religion? Discuss the development of Sociology of Religion. | 20 |
| 2. Explain the intellectualist theories of religion. | 20 |

Section 2

Answer the following questions in about 250 words each.

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| 3. Explain the concept of Protestantism in the light of economic development. | 12 |
| 4. Compare and contrast between Bhakti and Sufism. | 12 |
| 5. Examine the nexus between religion and politics of the state. | 12 |
| 6. Discuss the reformative features brought about by Arya Samaj movement. | 12 |

Section 3

Answer the following questions in about 100 words each.

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| 7. Define civil religion. | 6 |
| 8. Define the concept of communalism. | 6 |