

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II - 2016/2017

SOC 3243– Sociology of Religion

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. Critically discuss the three main strategies used by sociologists to define religion.
2. 'Ritual is an integral part of Sri Lankan Society.' Examine with reference to the major religions in Sri Lanka.
3. Write short essays on the theoretical contribution made to the development of Sociology of Religion by any **two (02)** of the following theorists;
 - (i) Emile Durkheim
 - (ii) Karl Marx
 - (iii) Max Weber
 - (iv) Talal Asad
4. What are the features of Bhakthi religiosity expressed in Katharagama? Explain with examples.
5. 'Although many social theorists have predicted a decline in religion with secularization, in contemporary society there has been a resurgence of religion.' Explain this statement with relevant examples.

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