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### **Practice Questions for BSOE-145 – Religion and Society**

1. Define religion from a sociological perspective. Discuss the key characteristics of religion in society.
2. Critically analyze Emile Durkheim's theory on the social functions of religion.
3. Explain Karl Marx's view on religion as an instrument of ideology and social control.
4. Discuss Max Weber's approach to religion with special reference to his study on the Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
5. Examine the role of rituals and symbols in the construction of religious meaning.
6. What is the difference between sacred and profane in Durkheim's theory of religion? Explain with examples.
7. Discuss the various types of religious organizations such as churches, sects, denominations, and cults.
8. How does religion influence social stratification in Indian society? Provide sociological insights.
9. Examine the relationship between caste and religion in the Indian context.
10. What is secularism? Discuss the challenges to secularism in a multi-religious society like India.

- 11.Explain the concept of religious pluralism. How is it maintained in a diverse society like India?
- 12.Discuss the sociological implications of religious conversion in India.
- 13.How has modernization and globalization impacted religious beliefs and practices in contemporary society?
- 14.What is communalism? Analyze its roots and impact on Indian society.
- 15.Compare the functionalist and conflict perspectives on religion.
- 16.Discuss the concept of civil religion. How does it function in modern democratic societies?
- 17.Explain how religion can act as both a force of social cohesion and social conflict. Use examples.
- 18.What is the role of women in religious institutions and practices? Discuss from a feminist sociological perspective.
- 19.Examine the relationship between religion and politics in India. What are its implications for democracy?
20. Describe the role of religion in the public sphere. How is religious expression negotiated in pluralistic societies?