

M.A. IN SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Term-End Examination

June, 2010

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**MSA-007 F2F : RELIGION AND SOCIETY :
POPULAR BELIEFS AND PRACTICES**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) *Answer any five of the following.*
(ii) *All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Critically reflect on Clifford Geertz's the idea of religion as a system of symbols. 20
2. Discuss the contributions of Emile Durkheim to the study of religion. 20
3. Explain how Saba Mahmood problematize the dichotomy of the 'secular-modern' and the 'religious' within Feminist Scholarship ? 20
4. Critically discuss the concept of 'Public sphere' with reference to religion in contemporary India. 20

5. Write a critical note on sacred geography with reference to the contributions of : 20
- (a) Louis Dumont
- OR**
- (b) L.P. Vidyarthi
6. Write an essay on little and Great traditions'. Cite suitable case studies. 20
7. Discuss the politics of representation in the film 'Roja' in the light of political and religious shifts in the early 90s. 20
8. What are the various approaches to the study of communalism in India ? Discuss. 20
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