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SG010402 : Sociology of Religion  
MCQs

1. Where did Bronislaw Malinowski has conducted field work
  - a) Trobriand Island
  - b) Papua New Guinea
  - c) Andaman Islanders
  - d) Maoris
  
2. Who is the author of "The Golden Bough: A Study in Magic and Religion"
  - a) James Frazer
  - b) Bronislaw Malinowski
  - c) A.L. Korber
  - d) Radcliff Brown
  
3. Who said "religion as opium of masses"
  - a) Karl Marx
  - b) Max Weber
  - c) Emile Durkheim
  - d) Malinowski
  
4. How did Durkheim define totemism.
  - a) Simplest and most basic form of religion
  - b) Complex form of religion
  - c) Abstract form of religion
  - d) Analytical category of social life
  
5. Minorities Commission was set up in india in
  - a) 1956
  - b) 1972
  - c) 1978
  - d) 1992
  
6. Which among the following is not true
  - a) Supernatural entities are not always sacred
  - b) Prescriptions and taboos are surround the sacred
  - c) To violate the rules of sacred is profane
  - d) Profanity is using sacred names without the proper respect
  
7. Identify the wrong statement about rituals
  - a) Ritual is the manipulation of tangible sacred object
  - b) Rituals are part of social life
  - c) Ritual is an instrumental action
  - d) Rituals can not distinguish from moral actions.
  
8. Among the classical sociologists, who hasn't studied about magic.
  - a) Max Weber
  - b) Malinowski
  - c) Frazer

d) Peter Berger

9. Identify people who do not use magic.

- a) Trobriand islanders
- b) Dobuans of Western Pacific
- c) Maoris of New Zealand
- d) Bhils of South America

10. Which among the following is not an example of semitic religion?

- a) Judaism
- b) Pagans
- c) Christianity
- d) Islam

11. Who argued that Aboriginal Australian religions could be considered as world religions.

- a) Ninian Smart
- b) Melford Spiro
- c) Evans-Prichard
- d) David Turner

12. Religion "is itself the historical product of discursive process, that is within the cultural location of modernity" – whose statement is this.

- a) Pierre Bourdieu
- b) Talal Asad
- c) Micheal Foucault
- d) Clifford Geertz

13. "Religious symbols produce two kinds of dispositions, moods and motivations". Who said this.

- a) C. Geertz
- b) T. Asad
- c) E. Durkheim
- d) J. Frazer

14. Identify the author who is wrongly attached with the statement, about religion

- a) Religious symbols are conditioned by social relations – Greetz
- b) Religion, as ideology is a mode of consciousness of reality external to the relations of productions, producing no knowledge – Marx
- c) Religion is an ideologically motivated social construction – Fitzgerald
- d) Religions is less interesting as a thing in itself than as a means of understanding human development – Weber

15. Identify the wrong option. Sociologists have to approach religion as a:

- a) Social category
- b) Perspective
- c) Belief system
- d) None of the above

16. What is not true of Clifford Geertz

- a) Religious symbols are cultural patterns that constitute extrinsic source of information
- b) Geertz questioned the adequacy to a modern cognitive notions of religion
- c) Religious symbol represents a mode of consciousness
- d) The function of the religious symbols is to meet perceived threats to order

17. The concept of Mana was discussed by-----

- a) Bronislaw Malinowski
- b) Radcliff Brown
- c) Max Weber
- d) Bachofen

18. Identify the combination that is not matching

- a) Emile Durkheim – The Elementary Forms of Religious Life
- b) Max Weber – The Sociology of Religion
- c) Peter Berger – Religion and Secular: Historical and Colonial Formations
- d) Talal Asad – Genealogies of Religion

19. Which among the following classification of James Frazer's magic is not correct

- a) Sympathetic Magic
- b) Homeopathic Magic
- c) Black Magic
- d) Contagious Magic

20. Identify the wrong statement

- a) Religious groups often demand a high level of commitment from their members
- b) Socialisation and mobilisation process are the means by which the contents of the religious are transmitted to and internalised by the group members.
- c) Witchcraft cults that were once central in indigenous tribal communities are now peripheral, underground and marginal.
- d) None of the above are true.

21. Which country is Taoism a native religion

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Indonesia
- d) Japan

22. Which religious leader is known as "Enlightened One"

- a) Krishna
- b) Jesus Christ
- c) Gouthama Buddha
- d) Vardhamana Mahavir

23. Buddha, Dharma and Sanghas are associated with-----

- a) Jainism
- b) Hinduism
- c) Sikhism
- d) Buddhism

24. Who was the last Guru of Sikhs?

- a) Guru Gobind Singh
- b) Guru Arjun Dev
- c) Guru Nanak
- d) Guru Ram Das

25. Name the traditional religious forms believed to be originated in Japan.

- a) Confucianism
- b) Shinto
- c) Buddhism
- d) Zoroastrianism

26. In every religious tradition convey(s) the deepest and most profound truths of life.
- a)Rituals.
  - b)The sacred.
  - c)Nature.
  - d)Myths
27. Conforming to a tradition's doctrines is called
- a)Orthopraxy.
  - b)Orthodoxy.
  - c)Obedience.
  - d)Morality.
28. Avesta, also called Zend-Avesta is a religious text of -----
- a)Buddhism
  - b)Jainism
  - c)Zoroastrianism
  - d)Judaism
29. Which religion has synagogue as the place of worship
- a)Islam
  - b)Christianity
  - c)Judaism
  - d)Jainism
30. Émile Durkheim's endeavor to establish sociology as a separate academic discipline centered on his efforts to:
- a)Develop an all-encompassing synthesis of major sociological perspectives.
  - b)Demonstrate the influence of social forces on people's behaviour.
  - c)Show how an understanding of sociological principles could be used to
  - d)Solve social problems.
31. "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism" was written by
- a)Karl Marx
  - b)Georg Simmel
  - c)Emile Durkheim
  - d)Max Weber
32. Who suggested that God is society divinized?
- a)Max Weber
  - b)E. E. Evans-Pritchard
  - c)Auguste Comte
  - d)Emile Durkheim
33. The term used by Durkheim to indicate the communal beliefs, morals and attitudes of a society
- a)Collective morals
  - b)Collective consciousness
  - c)Collective behaviour
  - d)Collective conscience
34. According to Durkheim, Australian totemism the most primitive and simplest form of --- known to us
- a)Mechanical solidarity
  - b)Religion

- c) Polity
- d) Economy

35. In his work 'The Elementary Forms of Religious Life', Durkheim attributes the development of religion

- a) To the development of anomie
- b) To the emotional security attained through communal living
- c) To the higher rates of suicide
- d) To opium

36. According to Durkheim the central characteristic of religion was

- a) Sacred-profane dichotomy
- b) Life after death
- c) Highly superstitious
- d) Elimination of all forms of discrimination

37. Who among the following analysed the impact of religious beliefs on the economic growth for the first time?

- a) Auguste Comte
- b) Herbert Spencer
- c) Max Weber
- d) Emile Durkheim

38. A major branch of an established religion is best known as:

- a) A sect
- b) A denomination or religious movement
- c) A heretic
- d) A abomination

39. A particular idea that a member of a specific faith hold to be true is called

- a) Religious practice
- b) Religious rituals
- c) Religious experience
- d) Religious belief

40. What is a cult?

- a) A religious organization that claims a unique new revelation
- b) A belief that the sacred resides in spirits found in people and other natural phenomena
- c) Religions that do not worship a god as such but rather promote a moral code or belief.
- d) None of the above

ANSWER KEY

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| 2.A  | 12.B | 22.C | 32.D |
| 3.A  | 13.A | 23.D | 33.D |
| 4.A  | 14.D | 24.A | 34.B |
| 5.C  | 15.D | 25.B | 35.B |
| 6.A  | 16.C | 26.D | 36.A |
| 7.D  | 17.A | 27.D | 37.C |
| 8.D  | 18.C | 28.C | 38.B |
| 9.D  | 19.C | 29.C | 39.D |
| 10.B | 20.D | 30.B | 40.A |