LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

**B.A.** DEGREE EXAMINATION – **SOCIOLOGY**

SECOND SEMESTER – **APRIL 2012**

# SO 2501/SO 2500 - SOCIOLOGY OF INDIAN SOCIETY

 Date : 16-04-2012 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

 Time : 9:00 - 12:00

**PART - A**

**Answer all questions in 30 words each: (10 x 2 = 20 marks)**

1. List out any two linguistic problems in India.
2. State the meaning of Ashrama.
3. What is Karma?
4. State any two characteristics of class system in urban India.
5. Define caste.
6. State the meaning of racism and apartheid.
7. Print out any two demerits of nuclear family.
8. State any two conditions for civil marriage in India.
9. Who are “Scheduled Castes”?
10. Who are called the ‘backward classes’?

**PART – B**

**Answer any FIVE questions in 300 words each: (5 x 8 = 40 marks)**

1. Discuss the characteristics of Hinduism.
2. Highlight the significance of Ashramas in Hindu Social life.
3. Explain the functional features of castes.
4. Bring out the advantages of Indian joint family.
5. Highlight the changing trends in Indian marriage.
6. Explain the problems of Dalits.
7. Enumerate the merits of reservation policy.

**PART – C**

**Answer any TWO questions in 1200 words each: (2 x 20 = 40 marks)**

1. Explain the contributions of backward class commission to improve the status of backward class.
2. Explain the causes and consequences of changes in Indian Family.
3. Define purusharthas and discuss its characteristics and importance.
4. Explain the problems of Indian women in post independent period.

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