

MAJOR EXAM
HUL 272: Introduction to the Sociology of India

Date: 1 May 2015
Time: 2 hr.

Total Marks: 30
Venue: V LT1

Part 1: Compulsory Question

[15 Marks]

1. What are the various understandings of Secularism? According to M.N. Srinivas "the term 'secularization' implies that what was previously regarded as religious is now ceasing to be such, and it also implies a process of differentiation which results in the various aspects of society, economic, political, legal and moral, becoming increasingly *discrete* in relation to each other". Critically examine this with examples.

Part 2: Answer any ONE Question

[15 Marks]

2. How are elections and voting related to the sustenance of the idea of democracy? What are the problems of electoral democracy? Discuss this in the context of the recently concluded Delhi Assembly Election.

OR

3. What is the Nehru-Mahalanobis model of growth and how is it different from that of the economic growth model that has been adopted since the economic reforms of 1991? Critically examine how economic reforms have transformed the economic and social structure of Indian society.