

MA SOCIOLOGY  
FOURTH SEMESTER  
CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES  
MSO-401

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Marks: 70

{ Part : A (Objective) = 20 }  
{ Part : B (Descriptive) = 50 }

[ PART-B : Descriptive ]

Duration: 2 Hrs. 40 Mins.

Marks: 50

[ Answer question no. One (1) & any four (4) from the rest ]

1. Are classical sociological theories no longer relevant in today's society? (4+6=10)  
Comment. What are the factors responsible for the emergence of modern sociological theories?
2. Compare and contrast the classical and contemporary sociological theoretical perspectives. Explain the contribution of three contemporary sociological theorists. (5+5=10)
3. How according to Jurgen Habermass Communicative action is the most rational forms of action in contemporary society? Explain with examples. (10)
4. Explain how fast food restaurant represent a better paradigm of rationality in Ritzer's theory of McDonaldization than Weber's bureaucracy? (10)
5. Explain the concept of deconstruction by Derida. How social realities can be explained through the process of deconstruction? Illustrate with examples. (4+6=10)
6. Analyse the importance of multicultural citizenship in the contemporary global society. Describe how W. Kymlicka highlighted the mistakes with defining multiculturalism. (5+5=10)
7. Explain how Giddens has described the modern world as a juggernaut. What are the consequences of modernity as depicted by Giddens in his theory of Juggernaut of modernity? (5+5=10)
8. How Zygmunt Bauman used the concept of liquid to explain modernity? Express how according to Bauman social institutions and social relations emerge in modern world. (5+5=10)

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[ PART-A : Objective ]

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

1. Industrialization is an important factor in the emergence of  
 a. Classical sociological theory  
 b. Modern sociological theory  
 c. Contemporary sociological theory  
 d. Both classical and modern sociological theory
2. Rejection of the concept of truth is a characteristics of  
 a. Classical sociological theory  
 b. Modern sociological theory  
 c. Postmodern sociological theory  
 d. All of the above
3. Which of the following is a classical sociological theorist?  
 a. George Ritzer  
 b. Emile Durkheim  
 c. Michel Foucault  
 d. Anthony Giddens
4. Which of the following is not a factor in the emergence of classical sociological theory?  
 a. Political Revolution  
 b. Feminism  
 c. Growth of science  
 d. Technological domination
5. Which of the following is a contemporary sociological theorist?  
 a. Herbert Spencer  
 b. Emile Durkheim  
 c. Ulrich Beck  
 d. Vilfredo Pereto
6. The concept of Ideological dominance is portrayed in  
 a. Neofunctionalism  
 b. Life world  
 c. Hagemony  
 d. Risk Society

7. Which of the following is not a type of action as illustrated by Habermas?  
 a. Teleological action  
 b. Rational action  
 c. Normatively regulated action  
 d. Dramaturgical action
8. Which of the following is not an agent for establishing the cultural hegemony by A. Gramsci?  
 a. Universities  
 b. Media  
 c. Civil Societies  
 d. Family
9. The theory of McDonalization deals with  
 a. Rationality  
 b. Social Risks  
 c. Knowledge  
 d. Simulations
10. Which of the following is not a dimension of formal rationality according to George Ritzer?  
 a. Efficiency  
 b. Predictability  
 c. Emphasis on quantity than quality  
 d. Reliability
11. 'Madness and Civilization' is written by  
 a. J. Derida  
 b. P. Bourdieu  
 c. M.Foucault  
 d. W. Kymlicka
12. The process of discovering hidden assumptions about text is called  
 a. Structuralism  
 b. Neofuntionalism  
 c. Deconstruction  
 d. Simulation
13. Collective rights are pre requisite for  
 a. Multi cultural citizenship  
 b. Hegemony  
 c. Life world  
 d. Modern capitalist society
14. M. Foucault is a post structuralist from  
 a. Germany  
 b. France  
 c. England  
 d. Italy

15. Derrida's theory of deconstructio deals with

- a. Rationality
- b. Text and meaning
- c. Knowledge
- d. Simulations

16. Which of the following is not one of the four basic institutions in modern world according to Giddens?

- a. Capitalism
- b. Reflexivity
- c. Industrialism
- d. Surveillance

17. In Bauman's theory of liquid modernity, liquid stands for

- a. Temporality
- b. Fluidity
- c. Freedom
- d. All of the above

18. Lyotard theory of Post modern condition deals with

- a. Rationality
- b. Social Risks
- c. Knowledge
- d. Choices

19. The replacement of the reality into models and symbols is described in

- a. Outline of a theory of practice
- b. The condition of post modernity
- c. Simulacra and Simulation
- d. None of the above

20. Match the following:

- 1 Discipline and Punish
  - 2 Hagemony
  - 3 Deconstruction
  - 4 Liquid modernity
- a. 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-d
  - b. 1-c, 2-d, 3-b,4-a
  - c. 1-c, 2-d, 3-a,4-b
  - d. 1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-d

- a J. Derida
- b Z. Bauman
- c M.Foucault
- d A. Gramsci

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## Question Paper CUM Answer Sheet

### [PART (A) : OBJECTIVE]

Serial no. of the main Answer sheet

Course : .....

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#### Instructions / Guidelines

- > The paper contains twenty (20) / ten (10) questions.
- > The student shall write the answer in the box where it is provided.
- > The student shall not overwrite / erase any answer and no mark shall be given for such act.
- > Hand over the question paper cum answer sheet (Objective) within the allotted time (20 minutes / 10 minutes) to the invigilator.

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20		

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