

**MSO**  
**First Semester**  
**Classical Sociological Theories**  
**(MSO-02)**

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

**(PART-B: Descriptive)**

**Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.**

**Marks: 50**

**1. Write short note on any four from the following:**

**4x5= 20**

- a) Ideal type
- b) Protestant ethic and spirit of capitalism
- c) Commodity Fetishism
- d) Social Darwinism
- e) Materialistic conception of history.
- f) Positivism.
- g) Suicide

**2. What is social action according to Max Weber? Discuss the types in detail. 10**

**Or**

What do you understand by authority? Discuss the types of authority as conceptualized by Weber.

**3. Examine Auguste Comte's views on Sociology was a discipline. 10**

**Or**

What is alienation? What are causes and consequences of Marx's alienation?

**4. Examine division of labour in society with specific reference to Durkheim. 10**

**Or**

Discuss Spencer's organic analogy in the context of social evolution.

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**PART A: Objective**

**Duration: 20 minutes**

**Marks – 20**

**Choose the correct answer from the following multiple choices.**

**20×1=20**

1. According to Karl Marx, “the history of all hitherto existing societies is the history of \_\_\_\_\_”  
(A) Class Struggle (B) Caste Struggle  
(C) Labour Struggle (D) Social Struggle
2. Who among the following defines sociology as an interpretative understanding of social action?  
(A) Max Weber (B) Herbert Spencer  
(C) August Comte (D) Talcott Parsons
3. According to August Comte, men go progressively through \_\_\_\_\_ of development.  
(A) Two Stages (B) Three Stages  
(C) Four stages (D) Five Stages
4. Who among following divided society into simple homogeneous and complex heterogeneous on the basis of evolutionary assumptions and relationships?  
(A) Louis Wirth (B) R.M. Maclver  
(C) Auguste Comte (D) Herbert Spencer
5. Alienation is acute in  
(A) Labour Society (B) Capitalist Society  
(C) Civilized Society (D) Uncivilized Society
6. As formulated by Emile Durkheim, the salient features of ‘social fact’ are  
(A) Assimilation and Accommodation  
(B) Exteriority and Constraint  
(C) Ideas and Values  
(D) Symbols and Beliefs
7. According to Max Weber, the crucial distinction between power and authority is marked by the presence or absence of  
(A) Charisma  
(B) Bureaucracy  
(C) Hierarchy  
(D) Legitimacy
8. Which one of the following is correctly matched?  
(A) Role set Max Weber  
(B) Social Fact Emile Durkheim  
(C) Social System R.K. Merton  
(D) Social Action E. Goffman

9. Consider the following stages in the development of a society:  
 1. Capitalist 2. Tribal, 3. Ancient, 4. Feudal  
 Which one of the following is the correct chronological sequence of these societies as thought by Karl Marx?  
 (A) 2, 3, 4 and 1 (B) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (C) 4, 3, 2 and 1 (D) 3, 4, 1 and 2
10. For Pareto speculators are those who  
 (A) like to follow tradition (B) lack innovation  
 (C) like to be non-elites (D) like to take chances
11. What did totemism exemplify/signify according to Durkheim?  
 (A) Animal worship (B) Clan  
 (C) Simplest Religion (D) Tribal Identity
12. Bureaucracy is a \_\_\_\_\_ form of authority  
 (A) Charismatic (B) Rational Legal  
 (C) Traditional (D) Legal
13. Who was the first to use the comparative method or indirect experiment method in Sociology?  
 (A) Max Weber (B) Emile Durkheim  
 (C) Herbert Spencer (D) V. Pareto
14. Weber's Verstehen is a method which aims at  
 (A) Explaining actions of individuals.  
 (B) Identification of causes of action.  
 (C) Interpretive understanding of actors' motives.  
 (D) Developing causal understanding of relationships through actions.
15. Who for the first time did use the concept of social structure to explicate society?  
 (A) Karl Marx (B) Max Weber  
 (C) Emile Durkheim (D) Herbert Spencer
16. Which one of the following is mismatched?  
 (A) T. Parsons – Pattern variables  
 (B) B. Malinowski – Evolutionism  
 (C) Herbert Spencer – Dominant caste  
 (D) R.K. Merton – Middle range theory
17. Who among the following authors initially used the term 'social physics' for Sociology?  
 (A) Spencer (B) Comte (C) Tonnies (D) Weber
18. According to Emile Durkheim, 'human agency' is constrained by  
 (A) Social structure (B) Political process  
 (C) Economic resources (D) agency of other actors
19. Who has written the book "Rules of Sociological Method"  
 (A) Talcott Parsons (B) Emile Durkheim  
 (C) Robert K. Merton (D) Auguste Comte
20. Who among the following has dealt with the concept of historical Materialism?  
 (A) Emile Durkheim (B) Talcott Parsons  
 (C) Karl Marx (D) Herbert Spencer

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