

MA SOCIOLOGY
First Semester
CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES
(MSO – 102)

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Part-A (Objective) =20
Part-B (Descriptive)=50

(PART-B: Descriptive)

Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.

Marks: 50

Answer any *five* of the following questions:

1. Discuss the historical and socio-economic background of the emergence of Sociology. (10)
2. Critically evaluate the theory of division of labour by Durkheim. How is density of population and interaction led to division of labour? (7+3=10)
3. Distinguish between Herbert Spencer's and Talcott Parsons' theory of evolution. (10)
4. Critically analyze Marx' theory of dialectical materialism. Describe the dialectical materialism throughout the different epochs of history as depicted by Marx. (5+5=10)
5. Explain in detail with example Merton's theory of Middle range. (10)
6. Compare, contrast and comment on the theory of action by Weber and Parsons. (10)
7. Define bureaucracy? What according to Weber are the important factors contributing to the development of bureaucracy? (3+7=10)
8. Critically evaluate Malinowski's contribution to structuralism functionalism. (10)

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(PART A- Objective Type)

I. Choose the correct answers:

1×20=20

1. Which one of the following theory adopts the model of the organism to understand social system?
 - a. Conflict theory
 - b. Functional theory
 - c. Behavioural theory
 - d. Exchange theory
2. Match the list I with list II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the list.

List I

- a. Karl Marx
- b. Max Weber
- c. R. K. Merton
- d. T. Parsons

List II

- I. Pattern variable
- II. Role set
- III. Surplus value
- IV. Verstehen

Codes

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| a. | IV | II | III | I |
| b. | III | IV | I | II |
| c. | III | IV | II | I |
| d. | IV | III | II | I |

3. Which of the following is not true?
 - a. Mechanical solidarity is solidarity of resemblance.
 - b. Altruistic suicide results from over integration of the individual into his social group.
 - c. Theological stage of evolution is dominated by churchman and lawyers.
 - d. Weber counts the development of money economy as one of the important factors contributing to the development of modern bureaucracy.
4. Who among the following is the writer of The Elementary forms of Religious life (1912)?
 - a. Karl Marx
 - b. Max Weber
 - c. E. Durkheim
 - d. A. Comte

5. Mechanical and organic solidarity is identified by which of the following sociologists?
 - a. Karl Marx
 - b. Max Weber
 - c. E. Durkheim
 - d. A. Comte
6. Which of the following is not a characteristic of bureaucracy?
 - a. The principle of fixed official jurisdiction
 - b. Office hierarchy
 - c. Flexible salary
 - d. Division of labour
7. Which of the following is not a contribution of Max Weber?
 - a. Theory of Action
 - b. Ideal Type
 - c. Verstehen
 - d. Social Facts
8. According to Marx, which of the following is considered to be the most crucial element for class struggle?
 - a. Class interest
 - b. Class consciousness
 - c. Class formation
 - d. Class identity
9. Match List-I with List-II and mark the correct answer from the codes given below the lists.

List-I (Books)

- a. The Rules of Sociological Method
- b. Capital
- c. Social Theory and Social Structure
- d. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

List-II (Authors)

- I. Karl Marx
- II. Max Weber
- III. E. Durkheim
- IV. R.K. Merton

Codes

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10. The value of an individual labour power which is left over when an employer has repaid the cost involved in hiring a worker in Marxian term:
 - a. Use value
 - b. Left over value
 - c. Surplus value
 - d. Exchange value
11. Which of the following is not a component in Talcott Parsons' theory of action?
 - a. Actor
 - b. Situation
 - c. Normative standards
 - d. Venue
12. Which of the following is a pure case of anomie according to Merton?
 - a. Conformity
 - b. Rebellion
 - c. Ritualism
 - d. Retreatism
13. The consequences that are neither recognized nor intended are called.
 - a. Manifest functions
 - b. Functional alternative
 - c. Latent functions
 - d. Dysfunctions

14. A charismatic leader according to Weber can be someone who is quite ordinary?
a. True b. False
15. Durkheim's study of religion in his famous book *The Elementary forms of Religious Life* is done on:
a. African tribe b. Indian tribe
c. Australian tribe d. Argentinian tribe
16. Suicide which is more likely to occur according to Durkheim when regulation is excessive is called:
a. Egoistic Suicide b. Anomic Suicide
c. Fatalistic Suicide d. Altruistic Suicide
17. Which of the following is not a characteristic of modern society according to Durkheim?
a. Organic solidarity c. Weak collective consciousness
b. Repressive law d. Division of labour
18. Which of the following is an example of material social fact?
a. Styles of architecture b. Norms
c. Collective consciousness d. Culture
19. Which of the following Scholars' inspirations can be traced in Marx's theory of Dialectical Materialism?
a. G.W.F. Hegel b. Friedrich Engels
c. Ralf Dahrendorf d. Jean Baudrillard
20. Clan according to Spencer is an example of:
a. Simple society c. Doubly compound society
b. Compound society d. Trebly compound society
