

**BA SOCIOLOGY
FOURTH SEMESTER
SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT-I
BSO-401**

**SET
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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

(Objective)

1×20=20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

- Which sociological perspective holds that if an aspect of social life does not contribute to a society's stability or survival it will not be passed on from one generation to the next?
 - Conflict perspective
 - Interactionist perspective
 - Micro sociology
 - Functionalist perspective
- "The Elementary Forms of the Religions Life" by Durkheim is-
 - An analysis of the whole phenomenon of religion.
 - An analysis of society
 - An analysis of totemism system
 - All of above
- Society is "a reality sui generis", is said by -
 - Emile Durkheim
 - Talcott Parsons
 - Plato
 - Herbert Spencer
- Which sociologist introduced the concept of anomie to the discipline?
 - Max Weber
 - Herbert Spencer
 - Emile Durkheim
 - C. Wright Mills
- Durkheim's research suggested that-
 - Catholics had much higher suicide rates than Protestants.
 - There seemed to higher rates of suicide in times of peace than in times of war and revolution.
 - Civilians were more likely to take their lives than soldiers.
 - Suicide is a solitary act, unrelated to group life.
- The division of labor implies...
 - The process by which tasks are specialized and assigned to different individuals or groups
 - The process by which individuals become more interdependent
 - The process by which societies become more complex
 - All of the above
- Marx called the distinctive method for the analysis of the historical development of society as-
 - Conflict approach
 - Neo-Marxist theories
 - Historical materialism
 - Dialectical materialism

8. In Marxist theory, the working class is called-
 - a. The proletariat
 - b. Bourgeoisie
 - c. Capitalist
 - d. Leftist
9. According to Karl Marx, the history of all hitherto existing society is the history of-
 - a. Economic determinism
 - b. Exploitation
 - c. Class struggles
 - d. Alienation
10. According to Marx, under capitalist mode of production, the surplus takes the form of-
 - a. Loss
 - b. Profit
 - c. Product
 - d. Relations
11. Spencer proposed the basis of internal regulations within societies and classified societies by their degree of complexity to distinguish between ...
 - a. Militant and Industrial societies
 - b. Simple to compound societies
 - c. Clans that formed into tribes
 - d. Tribes that formed into nation states
12. When observation, experimentation, comparison, and Historical Analysis are used to understand society and its changes, it implies
 - a. A way of thinking
 - b. An object of knowledge
 - c. Theological and metaphysical knowledge
 - d. The use of scientific method
13. Who wrote the book, "The Metropolis and Mental Life"?
 - a. Talcott Parsons
 - b. Herbert Spencer
 - c. Georg Simmel
 - d. Georg Lukacs
14. Which of the following performs the integrative (I) function in AGIL schema?
 - a. Economic activity
 - b. Political activity
 - c. Legal systems
 - d. None of the above
15. Weber first developed the concept of the 'ideal type' in a writing entitled
 - a. Objectivity in the Social Sciences and Social Policy
 - b. The Methodology of Social Sciences
 - c. A General Economic History
 - d. Economy and Society
16. In which year 'The Protestant Ethics and the Spirit of Capitalism' published?
 - a. 1804
 - b. 1805
 - c. 1904
 - d. 1905
17. Who stated that 'sociology is a science concerning itself with the interpretative understanding of human social action'?
 - a. Talcott Parsons
 - b. Auguste Comte
 - c. Emile Durkheim
 - d. Max Weber
18. When action is classified in terms of the conditions or means for the attainment of the actor's own rationally chosen ends it is
 - a. Rational Action with reference to goals
 - b. Rational Action with reference to values
 - c. Affectual (Emotional) Action
 - d. Traditional Social Action

19. Who defines 'Herrschaft' as the master's ability to obtain the obedience of those who theoretically owe it to him?

- a. Max Weber
- b. Raymond Aron
- c. Karl Marx
- d. Auguste Comte

20. Which is the characteristic of ideal types?

- a. Ideal types are mental constructs or subjective in nature
- b. Ideal types do not exactly correspond to the reality
- c. Ideal types as theoretical tools
- d. All of the above

(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. What is social fact? What are its types and characteristics? 2+8= 10

2. Define suicide. What are the various types of suicides that Durkheim talks about? 2+8= 10

3. Elaborate on Karl Marx's historical materialism. 10

4. How did Georg Simmel integrate the analysis of individual action with the structural approach in explaining social interaction? 10

5. Evaluate Spencer's theory of social evolution based on the movement from simple to compound societies 10

6. Distinguish Power and Authority? Explain modern democracies as examples of rational-legal authority. 4+6= 10

7. Explain how Max Weber brings out the inter-relationship between religion and economy by showing the affinity between the Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism 10

8. Answer any two: 5+5= 10
 - a. What is Positivism?
 - b. Explain any one type of social action as explained by Weber.
 - c. Point out the four primary functions and explain any one of the function in the AGIL Schema.
 - d. What is an Ideal Type?

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