

**BA SOCIOLOGY**  
**FIFTH SEMESTER [SPECIAL REPEAT]**  
**SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT-I**  
**BSO-501**  
[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

**SET**  
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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

( Objective )

1 × 20 = 20

*Choose the correct answer from the following:*

1. Which is not a characteristic of positivism?
  - a. Science is the only valid knowledge
  - b. Fact is the object of knowledge
  - c. Positivism denies intuition, prior reasoning, theological and metaphysical knowledge
  - d. Philosophy possess a method different from science
2. "Principles of Sociology" was authored by:
  - a. Auguste Comte
  - b. Emile Durkheim
  - c. Karl Marx
  - d. Herbert Spencer
3. Georg Simmel is best known as a(n):
  - a. Macro sociologist
  - b. Ethnomethodologist
  - c. Micro sociologist
  - d. Pragmatist
4. Latency paradigm functions as:
  - a. The ability of the system to adapt to its environment
  - b. The ability of the system to maintain its internal order
  - c. The ability of the system to reproduce itself and maintain its values
  - d. The ability of the system to achieve its goals
5. The main idea behind Parsons' functionalism is that:
  - a. Social system is comprised of interrelated parts that work together to maintain order
  - b. Social system is a product of historical factors
  - c. Social system is a result of the interplay of power relations
  - d. Social system is a result of the conflict between different classes
6. Durkheim's book 'The Division of Labour in Society' was published in which year?
  - a. 1893
  - b. 1891
  - c. 1892
  - d. 1894
7. Which of the following is not one of the three kinds of activities performed by religion?
  - a. Setting up of rule that forbids certain ways of acting
  - b. The sacred thing is par excellence
  - c. Maintain a separation between the sacred and profane
  - d. Laying down a system of beliefs for the faithful
8. Durkheim studied Totemism in Australia among the:
  - a. Hopi tribes
  - b. Arunta tribes
  - c. Trobriand Islanders
  - d. Navajo Tribes

9. An individual attempting to resist social facts asserts which characteristics of Social fact?
  - a. Externality
  - b. Constraint
  - c. Independence
  - d. Coercion
10. When the regulative powers of society are disrupted which form of suicide takes place?
  - a. Altruistic suicide
  - b. Fatalistic suicide
  - c. Anomic suicide
  - d. Egoistic suicide
11. A soldier laying down his life for the country for the sake of honour and patriotism is an example of which type of Social action?
  - a. Traditional action
  - b. Affectual action
  - c. Goal Rational Action
  - d. Value Rational Action
12. Who stated that 'sociology is a science concerning itself with the interpretative understanding of human social action'?
  - a. Max Weber
  - b. Talcott Parsons
  - c. Emile Durkheim
  - d. Karl Marx
13. Which of the characteristics of ideal types is incorrect?
  - a. Ideal types do not exactly correspond to the reality
  - b. Ideal types as theoretical tools
  - c. Ideal types are mental constructs and so is objective in nature
  - d. Ideal types are not rigid and fixed things but are subject to change
14. Authority owed to the framework of obligations is:
  - a. Rational-legal authority
  - b. Traditional authority
  - c. Charismatic authority
  - d. Herrschaft
15. According to who, Herrschaft is defined as the master's ability to obtain the obedience of those who theoretically owe it to him?
  - a. Karl Marx
  - b. Max Weber
  - c. Talcott Parsons
  - d. Raymond Aron
16. Which of the following is not the premise in understanding the theory of historical materialism of Marx?
  - a. The need for accumulation of wealth
  - b. Human existence
  - c. New Needs
  - d. Local organization
17. Which statement is true of historical materialism of Marx?
  - a. The general ideas of Karl Marx about 'Society' are known as his theory of historical materialism
  - b. Historical materialism regards history as the development of man's efforts to master the forces of nature and hence, of production
  - c. The material or economic activity which is the basis for any change
  - d. All of the above
18. Who opines that the main 'functions' of religion is to prevent people making demands for social change by dulling pain of oppression?
  - a. Max Weber
  - b. Auguste Comte
  - c. Emile Durkheim
  - d. Karl Marx

19. Which is not the class Marx distinguished related to the three sources of income?
- a. Owners of simple labour power whose main source of income is labour
  - b. Merchants whose main source of income is trade
  - c. Owners of capital whose main source of income is profit or surplus value
  - d. Landowners whose main source of income is ground rent
20. Under which stage of society religion will not be required according to Karl Marx?
- a. Capitalist
  - b. Feudal stage
  - c. Communism
  - d. Scientific Stage

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**(Descriptive)**

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. Karl Marx's theory explains the development of human society through a series of economic stages. Explain. 10
2. Answer *any two* from the following: 5×2=10
  - a) Briefly explain Auguste Comte's Positivism.
  - b) Briefly discuss the two types of solidarity identified by Durkheim.
  - c) Differentiate power and authority.
  - d) Why is Marx of the view that religion is an expression of man's imperfect self-awareness?
3. Elucidate the types of Suicide and why did Emile Durkheim use statistical analysis in explaining the theory of Suicide. 10
4. What are social facts? Elaborate the main characteristics of social facts. 2+8=10
5. Point out the main features of Calvinism and explain how Weber summarized the 'Calvinist Ethic'. 10
6. Max Weber's Ideal type is a mental construct. Elaborate. 10
7. Evaluate Talcott Parson's analytical grid in which an entire society could be seen as a system. 10
8. What is Social Darwinism? Explain Social evolution with examples. 2+8=10

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