

**MA SOCIOLOGY  
SECOND SEMESTER  
MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES  
MSO-201**

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Duration: 3 hrs.

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

**( Objective )**

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

1. At the heart of Gilman's framework on gender equality was the advocacy of
  - a. Economic independence
  - b. Political Independence
  - c. Corporate leadership
  - d. Educational achievement
2. In which of her work did Gilman offer a unique perspective for examining the complex relationship between gender and mental well-being?
  - a. In This Our World
  - b. The Yellow Wall-Paper
  - c. The Man-Made World
  - d. None of the above
3. Who defined social problem as "the failure of an organized social group to realize its group ideals, through the inability to adapt a certain desired line of action to given conditions of life"?
  - a. Lewis Coser
  - b. Gilman
  - c. Du Bois
  - d. Clifford Geertz
4. Dahrendorf's conflict theory is based on the idea that social conflict arises from the unequal distribution of
  - a. Economic resources
  - b. Power and authority within society
  - c. Political resources
  - d. Power in society
5. Examples that include occupations, age, gender, education, ethnicity, as well as affiliations with entertainment and associational groups are categorized as
  - a. Economic resources
  - b. Social resources
  - c. General resources
  - d. Specific resources
6. Which of the following is not a cause of conflict according to Lewis Coser?
  - a. Conflict was seen as inherent in the social structure
  - b. Differences in values and beliefs
  - c. Cultural differences
  - d. Psychological factors
7. Which is not the basic premise of Herbert Blumer's interactionist perspective?
  - a. Humans act toward things on the basis of the meanings they ascribe to those things
  - b. A thick description emphasizing on the importance of understanding the meaning behind cultural phenomena
  - c. The meaning of things is derived from the social interaction that one has with others and the society
  - d. Meanings are handled in, and modified through, an interpretative process used by the person in dealing with the things he/she encounters

8. When individuals consciously or unconsciously select the information presented in interactions with others, it is
- Dramaturgy
  - Shaping of opinions
  - Impression management
  - Surface appearances
9. Which is not a criticism of Geertz's interpretative approach?
- An overemphasis on individual subjectivity at the expense of broader social structures
  - Reliance on ethnographic data gathered through participant observation as being too limited in scope
  - Not applicable to all cultural contexts
  - None of the above
10. Which thinker explores the role of violence and conflict in shaping social change?
- Randal Collins
  - Lewis Coser
  - Ralph Dahrendorf
  - Herbert Blumer
11. Choose the correct answer from the matched authors and books:
- Clifford Geertz - The Interpretation of Cultures: Selected Essays
  - George Homans - Social Behaviour as Exchange
  - Lewis Coser- Conflict Sociology
- Ralf Dahrendorf - Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Society
- Only i and ii are correct
  - i, ii and iii are correct
  - i, ii and iv are correct
  - Only i and iv are correct
12. Communication, the exchange of meaning through language and symbols is believed to be the way in which people make sense of their social worlds according to which perspective?
- Functional perspective
  - Conflict Perspective
  - Symbolic Interactionist Perspective
  - Theory of Exchange
13. Which theory comparatively analyzes human interactions with the marketplace?
- Conflict
  - Social exchange
  - Symbolic Interactionism
  - Interpretative
14. Scars, deformities, loss of hair, tattoos, amputation, etc. are instances due to which category of Stigma?
- Character Defects
  - Enacted Stigma
  - Abominations of the Body
  - Tribal Stigma
15. Which of the following is incorrect regarding race problem?
- Double consciousness is a central aspect of the African- American experience in America
  - Solution to race problem the recognition of the full humanity and citizenship rights of African Americans
  - Constantly made aware of how they are perceived by the dominant society
  - Access to education and economic mobility were not essential for breaking down the barriers created by the color line

16. Who were the third audience of Edward Said?
- a. Literary community
  - b. Third world readers
  - c. Contemporary student of Orient
  - d. General readers
17. What does social construction believe about reality?
- a. It is constructed by shared knowledge
  - b. It is structureless
  - c. It is a product of human definition and interpretation
  - d. All of the above
18. Which of the following is not correct about Orientalism?
- i. It is based on Ontological and Epistemological distinction
  - ii. Edward said used Rational choice theory
  - iii. Said's last set of audience is the Third world readers
  - iv. The orientalists treated brown people differently
- a. i and iv is incorrect
  - b. ii and iv is incorrect
  - c. i and iii is incorrect
  - d. ii and iii is incorrect
19. What is the relation between Man, the producer and Social World, his product?
- a. Amiable
  - b. Agreeable
  - c. Irrational
  - d. Dialectical
20. When did Sweden first launched the compulsory and universal pension system?
- a. 1913
  - b. 1915
  - c. 1920
  - d. 1921

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**( Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. C. Wright Mills' concept, power elite, refers to the interlocking interests of elites from three key aspects of society viz politics, corporations, and the military. Explain. 10
2. Explain how women and men came to have their respective societal roles and why societies developed gender inequalities according to Gilman? 10
3. Evaluate Lewis Coser's functional analysis of conflict. 10
4. Elucidate the significance of dramaturgical perspective in understanding the presentation of self in everyday life. 10
5. "Thick description" is a method of interpreting cultural practices and symbols. Justify 10
6. What is Orientalism? Discuss its scope. 2+8=10
7. Discuss critically Coleman's theoretical approach to Social Capital and the seven types. 3+7= 10
8. Answer any two: 5+5= 10
  - a. What is Ethnomethodology?
  - b. Briefly discuss how Du Bois explains the problems of race.
  - c. Briefly explain Exchange theory.
  - d. What is Symbolic Interactionism?

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