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THIRD SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Core Course

SOC 3B 04—FOUNDATION OF SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A (Objective type)

Answer all the ten questions.

Each question carries 1 mark.

Fill in the blanks :

1. Auguste Comte established two specific problems for sociological investigation ; social statics and _____.
2. 'The Spirit of laws' is the book written by _____.
3. _____ according to Durkheim effectively guides and controls conduct while existing independently of individuals.
4. To Max Weber, _____ are the actions where both ends and means are determined by custom
5. In Marxian sense the basic structure of society is constituted of _____.

State whether True or False :

6. Empiricism is the belief that through the use of science reality could be understood.
7. Verstehen makes possible the scientific study of social behaviour.
8. Marx identified Primitive communism as the second stage of human history.
9. Observation is a method for gaining positive knowledge.
10. Weber identified three dimensions of stratification-class, status and property.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Section B (Very short Answer Type Questions)

Answer ten questions out of twelve.

Each question carries 2 marks.

Define the following concepts in 50 words :

11. Capitalism.
12. Freedom of thought.
13. Relations of production.

Turn over

14. Positivism.
15. Social facts.
16. Rationality.
17. Mechanical solidarity.
18. Class.
19. Enlightenment.
20. Protestant ethics.
21. Ideal type.
22. Altruistic suicide.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Section C (Short Essay Questions)

*Answer any six out of eight in less than 200 words.
Each question carries 5 marks.*

23. Describe the social background which leads to the emergence of Sociology.
24. Examine the methodology evolved by Auguste Comte in the study of society.
25. Critically examine Spencer's conceptualisation of society and social change.
26. Describe Emile Durkheim's contributions to functionalism.
27. Elaborate the salient characteristics of Bureaucracy as envisaged by Max Weber.
28. Discuss the significance of social solidarity in the transformation of society.
29. Illustrate Weber's arguments on 'Sociology as the study of social action'.
30. Examine the contributions of French Philosophers to emergence of Sociology.

(6 × 5 = 30 marks)

Section D (Essay Questions)

*Answer any two questions out of four in 1,000 words.
Each question carries 10 marks.*

31. Explain the relationship between economy and religion based on Protestant ethics and Spirit of capitalism.
32. Examine the concepts and class and class conflict by employing the methodology of Dialectical materialism.
33. Critically analyse Emile Durkheim's theory of suicide.
34. Describe the social, intellectual and philosophical backgrounds which lead to the formation of Sociological thought.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)