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MA 1st Semester (New) Exam., 2021 (W)

SOCIOLOGY

(Sociological Perspectives And Theories)

[PGSO S1 02]

Full Marks : 70/80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Note : *(a)* Learners admitted in 2020 and 2021 are to answer 70 Marks (Question Nos. **1** to **4**).

(b) Learners admitted in and before 2019 are to answer all the questions (Question Nos. **1** to **5**), i.e., for 80 Marks.

1. Answer any *five* of the following questions (each in around *50* words) : 2×5=10

(a) State the meaning of 'social action'.

(b) Define the term 'culture industry'.

(c) Name the key concepts of Gramsci's theory.

(d) Define the term 'state'.

(e) Name the different types of capital given by Bourdieu.

(f) Define symbolic interactionism.

2. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in around *100* words) : 3×4=12

(a) Describe briefly phenomenology as a theoretical concept.

(b) Briefly explain Durkheim's notion of solidarity.

(c) Briefly explain how Mead developed the theory of 'self'.

(d) Briefly explain the importance of post-structuralism in critiquing structuralism.

(e) Briefly explain the characteristics of Frankfurt School of Thought.

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions (each in around *200* words) : 6×4=24

(a) Explain R. K. Merton's systematic view of society.

(b) Describe critically the theory of structuralism.

(c) Explain Weber's theory of authority with examples.

(d) Critically discuss conflict functionalism of Lewis Coser.

(e) Write a brief note on Bourdieu's concept of social capital.

4. Answer any *three* from the following questions (each in around *250* words) : 8×3=24

(a) Explain the role of intellectual as well as social forces in the development of sociological theory.

(b) Elucidate Talcott Parsons' theory of social system.

(c) Critically explain Marxian understanding of exploitation and economy in a capitalist society.

(d) Explain the statement—"Reality is socially constructed". Use suitable examples to justify your answer.

The following question is *NOT* for the learners admitted in 2020 and 2021 batches :

5. Answer any *one* from the following questions (in around *300* words) : 10

(a) Discuss the intellectual and social forces behind the emergence of Sociology.

(b) Discuss Weber's theory of Power.

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