

2015

(4th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

Paper No. : SOC-401

(**Modern Sociological Theories**)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(**PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE**)

(*Marks : 45*)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Discuss Radcliffe-Brown's concept of social structure with examples. 9

Or

Distinguish between science and society according to Radcliffe-Brown.

2. Critically examine Malinowski's theory of needs. 9

Or

What are the different types of magic?
Explain the role of magic in society. 4+5=9

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3. Explain the 'pattern variables' according to
Talcott Parsons. 9 P

Or

Discuss Parsons AGIL paradigm.

4. What is function? Differentiate between
manifest and latent functions with examples. 1.

2+7=9

Or

Discuss reference group in the light of
R. K. Merton. 2

5. How can we apply the concept of the
sociological imagination to any behaviour?
Discuss. 9 3

Or

Explain the theory of power elite.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

(Marks : 10)

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. Who said that the concept of structure refers to an arrangement of parts or components related to one another in some sort of larger unity?

(a) Radcliffe-Brown ()

(b) Malinowski ()

(c) Herbert Spencer ()

(d) Emile Durkheim ()

2. Who wrote the book, *A Natural Science of Society*?

(a) Radcliffe-Brown ()

(b) Malinowski ()

(c) C. W. Mills ()

(d) Talcott Parsons ()

3. 'Permanent vital sequence' refers to the satisfaction of

(a) society ()

(b) an individual ()

(c) culture ()

(d) values ()

4. According to Malinowski, the domain of profane means

(a) magic ()

(b) religion ()

(c) science ()

(d) knowledge ()

5. The problem of establishing priorities among system goals and mobilizing system resources for the attainment is

(a) adaptation ()

(b) goal attainment ()

(c) integration ()

(d) latency ()

6. To which category of pattern variables, the relationship between a teacher and a student belongs?

(a) Affective ()

(b) Affective neutrality ()

(c) Diffuseness ()

(d) Specificity ()

7. Those functions which are unrecognised and unintended according to R. K. Merton is known as

(a) function ()

(b) dysfunction ()

(c) manifest function ()

(d) latent function ()

8. R. K. Merton was a student of

(a) Talcott Parsons ()

(b) Radcliffe-Brown ()

(c) Auguste Comte ()

(d) C. W. Mills ()

9. Sociological imagination is the application of imaginative thought and answering of

(a) societal questions ()

(b) political questions ()

(c) cultural questions ()

(d) sociological questions ()

10. In the power elite theory, the powerless subject refers to

(a) military ()

(b) political ()

(c) economic ()

(d) ordinary citizen ()

(5)

SECTION—II

(Marks : 5)

Indicate whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. Radcliffe-Brown speaks about the function in terms of the 'necessary condition for existence'.

(T / F)

2. Malinowski wrote the famous book, *The Family Among the Aborigines*.

(T / F)

3. R. K. Merton is a British sociologist.

(T / F)

4. Relationship based on inherent qualities of the individual can be considered as achievement variable.

(T / F)

5. The term sociological imagination was coined by Talcott Parsons.

(T / F)

SECTION—III

(Marks : 10)

Write short answers (any five) :

2×5=10

1. What are eunomia and dysnomia according to Radcliffe-Brown?

(7)

2. Explain the concept of function according to Radcliffe-Brown.

(8)

3. State two differences between magic and science.

(9)

4. Explain the meaning of basic needs.

(10)

5. What is functional prerequisites of social system according to Talcott Parsons?

6. Explain diffuseness and specificity according to Talcott Parsons.

7. Explain the meaning of sociological imagination.
