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(3rd Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

Paper No. : SOC-301

(Foundations of Sociological Thought)

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. Bring out the difference between social statics and social dynamics. $4\frac{1}{2}+4\frac{1}{2}=9$

Or

Explain the law of human progress as discussed by Auguste Comte. 9

2. Discuss Spencer's theory of organic analogy. 9

Or

Elaborate Herbert Spencer's contribution to functionalism. 9

(2)

3. Write an essay on Historical Materialism of Marx. 9

Or

According to Marx, 'the history of all hitherto existing societies is the history of class struggle.' Discuss. 9

4. Discuss the concept of social facts in the light of Emile Durkheim. 9

Or

Define Suicide according to Durkheim. What are the different types of suicide? Give examples. 2+7=9

5. Analyse the meaning and types of social action according to Max Weber. 2+7=9

Or

Critically evaluate Max Weber's views on *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. 9

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

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

1. Who among the following divided Sociology into two parts, namely Social Statics and Social Dynamics?

(a) Simmel ()

(b) Durkheim ()

(c) Comte ()

(d) Spencer ()

2. According to Auguste Comte, the new science of society must rely on the

(a) reasoning and observation ()

(b) authority of tradition ()

(c) evolution of human mind ()

(d) non-scientific outlook ()

3. Who among the following gave a linear explanation for the evolution of human societies?

(a) Karl Marx ()

(b) Emile Durkheim ()

(c) Herbert Spencer ()

(d) Auguste Comte ()

4. According to Spencer, evolution implies a change in society from

(a) specialization to generalization ()

(b) simplicity to complexity ()

(c) instincts to social learning ()

(d) animal life to social life ()

5. In which of the following modes of production there is communal ownership of land?

(a) Asiatic ()

(b) Ancient ()

(c) Feudal ()

(d) Capitalist ()

6. Which one of the following views on Class is associated with Karl Marx?

(a) Class is based on possession of wealth ()

(b) Class is based on ownership of means of production ()

(c) Class is based on pattern of consumption ()

(d) Class is based on skills in production ()

7. Which of the following is not a characteristic of social facts?

(a) Externality ()

(b) Constraint ()

(c) Dependence ()

(d) Generality ()

8. Widows committing ritual suicide (Sati) upon the funeral pyre of their husbands

- (a) is an example of egoistic suicide ()
- (b) is an example of altruistic suicide ()
- (c) is an example of anomic suicide ()
- (d) is not a suicide ()

9. Social action was used first as a basis for sociological study by

- (a) Durkheim ()
- (b) Max Weber ()
- (c) Merton ()
- (d) Parsons ()

10. The essence of capitalism according to Weber is that

- (a) workers are exploited by capitalists ()
- (b) capitalists aim to increase profits so that they can lead a luxurious life ()
- (c) making money is an end in itself ()
- (d) All of the above ()

(5)

SECTION—II

Indicate *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark :

1×5=5

1. Comte's *Cours de philosophie positive* was published in five volumes.

(T / F)

2. Spencer developed his theory of functionalism on the basis of evolution.

(T / F)

3. The book, *System of Positive Politics* was written by Karl Marx.

(T / F)

4. Anomie describes the state of normlessness.

(T / F)

5. Max Weber defines Sociology as the science of social action.

(T / F)

(6)

SECTION—III

Answer the following in brief (any *five*) : 2×5=10

1. What is the final stage in the law of human progress?

(7)

2. List the important similarities between societies and living organisms.

(8)

3. Define mode of production.

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4. What, according to Karl Marx, is social class?

(10)

5. How does Durkheim define social facts?

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6. Write a short note on egoistic suicide.

7. What is Protestant Ethic?
