

**Ba/Soc-401**

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( 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. (a) Discuss the concept of social structure  
in the light of A. R. Radcliffe-Brown. 9

*Or*

- (b) Differentiate between science and  
society in the context of A. R. Radcliffe-  
Brown. 9

2. (a) Critically evaluate Malinowski's theory  
of needs. 9

*Or*

- (b) How does Malinowski differentiate  
between magic and science? Explain. 9

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3. (a) What do you understand by the term 'pattern variables'? Explain. 9

Or

(b) Discuss Talcott Parsons AGIL paradigm. 9

4. (a) What is function? Elaborate manifest and latent functions in the light of R. K. Merton. 2+7=9

Or

(b) Discuss the reference group as given by R. K. Merton. 9

5. (a) Explain the sociological imagination of C. Wright Mills. 9

Or

(b) Discuss the power elite theory of C. Wright Mills. 9

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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. A. R. Radcliffe-Brown was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ social anthropologist.

(a) French ( )

(b) Australian ( )

(c) English ( )

(d) American ( )

2. According to Brown, person to person relationship is called

- (a) dyadic relationship ( )
- (b) thematic relationship ( )
- (c) synchronic relationship ( )
- (d) symbolic relationship ( )

3. The basic need as given by Malinowski is

- (a) movement ( )
- (b) socialization ( )
- (c) economics ( )
- (d) care of children ( )

4. The book, *Sociological Theory and Modern Society* was written by

- (a) A. R. Radcliffe-Brown ( )
- (b) Talcott Parsons ( )
- (c) Malinowski ( )
- (d) R. K. Merton ( )

5. Who among the following studied Trobriand Islanders through the method of fieldwork?

(a) A. R. Radcliffe-Brown ( )

(b) Malinowski ( )

(c) W. H. R. Rivers ( )

(d) Morgan ( )

6. The dilemma of role performance where evaluation is involved in relation to a situation is

(a) ascription vs. achievement ( )

(b) specificity vs. diffuseness ( )

(c) affectivity vs. affective neutrality ( )

(d) self-orientation vs. collectivity  
orientation ( )

7. Incest taboos are expected to prevent biological degeneration. It is an example of

(a) latent function ( )

(b) manifest function ( )

(c) dysfunction ( )

(d) malfunction ( )

8. Who said, "Groups which serve as points of comparison are known as reference groups"?
- (a) W. G. Sumner ( )
  - (b) Ogburn and Nimkoff ( )
  - (c) R. K. Merton ( )
  - (d) Kingsley Davis ( )
9. Mills argues that sociological imagination allows people to understand their private troubles in terms of
- (a) individual issues ( )
  - (b) human issues ( )
  - (c) public issues ( )
  - (d) general issues ( )
10. C. Wright Mills was of that power elites represent their
- (a) society's interest ( )
  - (b) self-interest ( )
  - (c) group interest ( )
  - (d) own interest ( )

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 has often been associated with functionalism.

( T / F )

2. Societies are integrated whole whose cultural domains are interrelated.

( T / F )

3. Talcott Parsons identified five general functional requirements.

( T / F )

4. According to Malinowski, magic and religion do not belong to the area of sacred and are born and function amidst emotional tension.

( T / F )

5. A reference group is a concept referring to a group to which an individual or another group is compared.

( T / F )

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SECTION—III

( Marks : 10 )

Answer the following (any *five*) :

2×5=10

1. Explain Brown's structural functionalism with examples.



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2. Explain Malinowski's view on religion.

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3. What is universalism vs. particularism?

4. What are functions and dysfunctions?

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5. Mention any two important characteristics of reference group.

6. How can we apply the concepts of sociological imagination to any behaviour?

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7. Write a short note on power elites.

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