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( 3rd Semester )

**SOCIOLOGY**

Paper No. : SOC-301

**( Foundations of Sociological Thought )**

( New Course )

*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. What do you understand by the terms 'social static' and 'social dynamics'? Explain. 9

*Or*

Analyze Auguste Comte's law of the human progress. 9

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( Turn Over )

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2. Explain Herbert Spencer's theory of Organic Analogy. 9

Or

Herbert Spencer is given the credit for formulating explicitly the tenets of functionalism in sociology. Discuss. 9

3. What is historical materialism? How did Karl Marx formulate the materialistic interpretation of history? 2+7=9

Or

What is a social class? Explain the theory of class and class conflict as developed by Karl Marx. 2+7=9

4. What is social fact? Elaborate on the rules for the observation of social facts. 2+7=9

Or

What is suicide? Explain the different types of suicide propounded by Durkheim with examples. 2+7=9

5. Elucidate on the concept of social action in the light of Max Weber. 9

Or

Max Weber established a positive relationship between the Protestant ethic and the spirit of Capitalism. Discuss. 9

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

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**SECTION—I**

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

1. Social statics refers to the study of the

(a) process of social change ( )

(b) evolution of the mind ( )

(c) condition and precondition of social order ( )

(d) process of progressive evolution ( )

2. An important feature of scientific stage as propounded by Comte is that

- (a) the method of natural sciences can be used in the study of society ( )
- (b) all forms of human behaviour are ultimately a figment of the imagination ( )
- (c) a scientist should look for only positive elements in society such as cooperation ( )
- (d) the influence of philosophy ( )

3. Spencer's Organic Analogy is the comparison of

- (a) animal society to superorganic organism ( )
- (b) human society to a living organism ( )
- (c) modern society to ancient society ( )
- (d) tribal society with non-tribal society ( )

4. Herbert Spencer viewed all evolutions in terms of two types of society, the

- (a) Agrarian and Industrial ( )
- (b) Tribal and Industrial ( )
- (c) Folk and Industrial ( )
- (d) Military and Industrial ( )

5. Which of the following books is not associated with Karl Marx?

- (a) *Das Kapital* ( )
- (b) *The Communist Manifesto* ( )
- (c) *The Poverty of Philosophy* ( )
- (d) *The Philosophy of Poverty* ( )

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 pattern of consumption ( )
- (c) Class is based on ownership of means of production ( )
- (d) Class is based on skills of production ( )

7. *The Rules of Sociological Method* is written by

- (a) Emile Durkheim ( )
- (b) Max Weber ( )
- (c) Karl Marx ( )
- (d) Herbert Spencer ( )

8. Suicide which results from the over-integration of the individual into his social group is called
- (a) egoistic suicide ( )
  - (b) anomic suicide ( )
  - (c) altruistic suicide ( )
  - (d) fatalistic suicide ( )
9. The concept of social action is the centre of all social ideas is of
- (a) Emile Durkheim ( )
  - (b) Talcott Parsons ( )
  - (c) Herbert Spencer ( )
  - (d) Max Weber ( )
10. Which statement is correct about the relationship between religion and economy in Weber's analysis?
- (a) The Protestant ethic did not provide convenient dogmas for the development of economic activity among its followers. ( )
  - (b) The Protestant ethic provided convenient dogmas for the development of economic activity among its followers. ( )
  - (c) There is no relationship between social organization and religious ideas. ( )
  - (d) None of the above ( )

SECTION—II

State whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark :

1×5=5

1. Auguste Comte was a great German thinker.  
( T / F )
2. According to Spencer, evolution implies change in society from simplicity to complexity.  
( T / F )
3. According to Karl Marx, every society can be stratified into three broad categories.  
( T / F )
4. Emile Durkheim's work *Suicide* was written in 1879.  
( T / F )
5. The concept of social fact is associated with Max Weber.  
( T / F )

SECTION—III

Answer the following questions in brief (any *five*) :  $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. Differentiate between social static and social dynamic.



2. What is positivism?

3. Briefly explain two important similarities between society and living organism.

4. What are the different modes of production according to Karl Marx?

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5. Differentiate between a 'class in itself' and a 'class for itself'.

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6. Explain in brief any two characteristics of social facts.

7. Explain in brief any two values in Protestantism which were in harmony with the spirit of Capitalism.

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