

2025

SOCIOLOGY

Course No. : SOC/C-1

(Contemporary Sociological Theories)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer any *five* questions

1. a) What are the problematic postulates of early functionalism as identified by R.K. Merton? Explain how he reformulated Structural-Functionalism. 6+6

Or

- b) Discuss A.R. Radcliffe Brown's concept of Social Structure. 12

2. a) Explain the role of Hegemony in the maintenance of capitalist society and in bringing social change as discussed by Antonio Gramsci. 12

Or

- b) Marcuse's 'One-Dimensional Man' (1964) is a critique of advanced technological society. Illustrate the statement. 12

(Turn Over)

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3. a) Elaborate the core ideas of Weber's Interpretative Sociology. 12

Or

- b) Identify the contribution of G.H. Mead in the development of Symbolic Interactionism. 12

4. a) Discuss Michel Foucault's i.e., Archeology of Knowledge and Genealogy of Power as core methodology. 12

Or

- b) Illustrate Judith Butler's theory of Gender Performativity. 12

5. a) Identify and discuss various forms of resistance to colonialism highlighted by Ania Loomba? 12

Or

- b) Discuss how Homi K. Bhabha conceptualizes the 'Third Space' as a site of negotiation between the colonizer and the colonized. 12

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