

**2018**

( 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 questions are of equal value*

1. What do you understand by the terms social statics and social dynamics? Explain.

*Or*

Discuss Auguste Comte's law of three stages.

2. Critically examine Spencer's organic analogy.

*Or*

Discuss Herbert Spencer's view about functionalism.

3. How does Karl Marx formulate the materialistic interpretation of history? Discuss.

*Or*

Explain critically the concepts of 'class' and 'class struggle' as developed by Karl Marx.

4. Explain in detail the rules of sociological method in the light of Emile Durkheim.

*Or*

Discuss Durkheim's contribution to the theory of suicide with suitable examples.

5. Elaborate on Weber's types of social action.

*Or*

"Max Weber established a positive relationship between the protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism." Discuss.

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

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

**SECTION—I**

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

1. .... consists of the investigations of laws of action and reaction of different parts of social system.

(a) Social dynamics ( )

(b) Social statics ( )

(c) Social chemistry ( )

(d) Social biology ( )



2. Who is the author of the book, *System of Positive Politics* ?

- (a) Auguste Comte ( )
- (b) Herbert Spencer ( )
- (c) Herbert Blumer ( )
- (d) Emile Durkheim ( )

3. 'Principles of Sociology' (1876-96) was written by

- (a) Emile Durkheim ( )
- (b) Herbert Spencer ( )
- (c) Auguste Comte ( )
- (d) MacIver ( )

4. In organic analogy, Herbert Spencer identifies society with a/an

- (a) superorganic organism ( )
- (b) living organism ( )
- (c) biological organism ( )
- (d) industrial society ( )

5. Historical materialism is an investigation of the

(a) middle stage ( )

(b) spiritualism ( )

(c) materialism ( )

(d) idealism ( )

6. The ..... serve as workers in the capitalist system.

(a) elitist class ( )

(b) bourgeoisie ( )

(c) superior class ( )

(d) proletariat ( )

7. Who among the following considered sociology as the science of institution which aim was to discover structural social facts?

(a) Herbert Spencer ( )

(b) Auguste Comte ( )

(c) Max Weber ( )

(d) Emile Durkheim ( )

8. Anomic suicide is found in societies which experience
- (a) individuals not properly integrated in society ( )
  - (b) individuals having a peculiar type of personality ( )
  - (c) a state of normlessness or deregulation ( )
  - (d) All of the above ( )
9. According to Weber, sociology is a science which attempts interpretive understanding of
- (a) rationality ( )
  - (b) social action ( )
  - (c) individual ( )
  - (d) society ( )
10. Which statement is correct about the relationship between religion and economy in Weber's analysis?
- (a) There is least relationship between social organization and religious ideas ( )
  - (b) The protestant ethic provided convenient dogmas for the development of economic activity among its followers ( )
  - (c) Catholics supported the economic activities among its followers ( )
  - (d) None of the above ( )

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SECTION—II

Indicate True (T) or False (F) by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. Comte's social static studies the 'laws of succession'.  
( T / F )

2. Spencer is best known for coining the concept survival of the fittest.  
( T / F )

3. Marx applied the laws of dialectics in his study of society and history.  
( T / F )

4. Durkheim treated social facts as things.  
( T / F )

5. Max Weber was an important German thinker.  
( T / F )



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SECTION—III

2×5=10

Answer the following in brief (any *five*) :

1. Explain the concept of positivism.

( 7 )

2. List out two important similarities between societies and living organisms.

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3. Explain the meaning of 'infrastructure' and 'superstructure' of Karl Marx.

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4. Explain any two characteristics of social facts.



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5. What is altruistic suicide? Give examples.

6. Explain the traditional type of social action.

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7. Why did the followers of Calvin stress so much on hardwork?

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