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B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022
2020 ADMISSIONS REGULAR AND 2019, 2018 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY
SEMESTER V - CORE COURSE (SOCIOLOGY)
SO5B010B18 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORIES

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(10x2=20)

1. What is meant by reification?
2. What is Hegelian dialectics?
3. According to Gramsci, what are the two types of intellectuals?
4. What do you understand by Institute of Social Research?
5. What were the objectives of Frankfurt School?
6. Give an example for time-space compression.
7. What does Althusser mean by the term 'social formation'?
8. Why do we consider Foucault as a post-structuralist?
9. What is the relation between langue and parole?
10. What is meant by deconstruction?
11. What is structuration?
12. What does Giddens mean by 'double hermeneutics'?

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks

(6x5=30)

13. What is reification? Examine whether reification exists today.
14. Describe the origin and development of the Frankfurt school.
15. Distinguish between strategic action and instrumental action?
16. How does Habermas combine micro and macro levels in his theory?
17. Examine the main features of the postmodern perspective.
18. What is the methodology of Michel Foucault?
19. Examine the problem in 'meaning' in semiotic analysis.
20. Examine the relevance of reflexivity in social science research.
21. Explain Bourdieu's metaphor of football field in his theory of field.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

(2x15=30)

22. Do you think that Frankfurt school achieved its goals? Illustrate with suitable examples.
23. What are Althusser's contributions to structural Marxism?
24. Trace the origin and contributions of post-structuralism in social theory.
25. Compare and analyse the contributions of Giddens and Bourdieu in the contemporary Sociology.