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BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024

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SEMESTER II - COMPLEMENTARY COURSE 1

SO2B01B23 - Development of Sociological Theories

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Part A

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

(10x2=20)

- 1. Which are the two main types of society, according to Auguste Comte?
- 2. What are the features of industrial societies?
- 3. Why does Comte refer to the metaphysical stage as a transitional phase in history?
- 4. Name any two French social thinkers of the modern period.
- 5. What is false consciousness?
- 6. Who are the proletariat and the bourgoisie?
- 7. According to Karl, Marx which are the two classes that existed in Feudal Society?
- 8. What are social facts?
- 9. Differentiate between Sacred and Profane.
- 10. What is historical causality?
- 11. Differentiate between Traditional Authority and Charismatic Authority.
- 12. Define 'authority'.

Part B

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

(6x5=30)

- 13. Analyze the important influences on the work of Herbert Spencer.
- 14. Discuss the major influences on the life and work of Auguste Comte.
- 15. What are the features of the theological stage? Discuss whether these features may be seen in present-day society.
- 16. Discuss whether Marx's base-and-superstructure argument is valid.
- 17. Discuss the influence of Marx on your discipline.
- 18. Differentiate between societies having mechanical solidarity and organic solidarity.
- 19. Discuss the biography of Emile Durkheim.
- 20. According to Weber, what are the differences in the nature and subject matter of the natural sciences and social sciences?
- 21. What are ideal types? Examine its importance in the work of Max Weber.

Part C

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

(2x15=30)

- 22. Discuss the historical background which paved the way for the development of sociological theories.
- 23. Evaluate the contributions of Karl Marx to social theory, especially to your discipline.
- 24. Evaluate the contributions of Emile Durkheim to Sociology.
- 25. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the methodology advocated by Max Weber to study society