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**BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2024**  
**2021 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY (SAY)**  
**SEMESTER V - CORE COURSE (SOCIOLOGY)**  
**SO5B010B18 - Contemporary Social Theories**

**Time : 3 Hours**

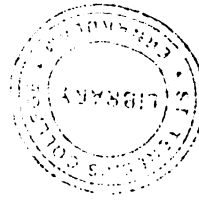
**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Part A**

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

**(10x2=20)**

1. What is class consciousness?
2. What is meant by a class, in Marxian perspective?
3. What is meant by false consciousness?
4. What is the importance of mode of production in Marxian theory?
5. What is meant by mode of production?
6. What is the 'ideal speech situation'?
7. What is Cohen's views on Marx's historical materialism?
8. What is meant by the synchronic approach in language?
9. What is genealogy of power?
10. What is archaeology of knowledge?
11. What is cultural capital?
12. Why do we consider Bourdieu as a reflexive sociologist?



**Part B**

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

**(6x5=30)**

13. Discuss the Frankfurt school's critique of culture.
14. What is reification? Examine whether reification exists today.
15. Examine Cohen's views on Justice?
16. Distinguish between strategic action and instrumental action?
17. What were the epistemic changes in medical knowledge in Foucaultian perspective?
18. Examine gender roles in our society from the postmodern perspective.
19. What is the methodology of Michel Foucault?
20. Examine Bourdieu's concept of symbolic power in the context of gender roles in our society.
21. Explain Bourdieu's theory of cultural capital?

**Part C**

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

**(2x15=30)**

22. Do you think that Marxism is relevant today? Substantiate your answer.
23. Which philosophy of Marxism do you believe in? Substantiate your answer.
24. Examine how the state controls individuals through surveillance.
25. Compare and analyse the contributions of Giddens and Bourdieu in the contemporary Sociology.