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# MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024 2023 ADMISSIONS REGULAR

## SEMESTER II - CORE COURSE SOCIOLOGY

SO2C06TM20 - Modern Theoretical Perspectives

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weight: 30

#### Part A

#### I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight

(8x1=8)

- 1. Define neofunctionalism.
- 2. In Parsonian view, which are the 3 subsystems of a social system?
- 3. What are the major elements of action as given by Talcott Parsons?
- 4. What is meant by empirical functionalism?
- 5. What is meant by dialectics of conflict?
- 6. Define hegemony.
- 7. What are class cultures in the perspective of Randall Collins?
- 8. What is meant by Accounting?
- 9. What is the 'front stage' in dramaturgy?
- 10. What is structural exchange of Peter Blau?

#### Part B

### II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight

(6x2=12)

- 11. Examine Spencer's organic analogy in the context of functionalism.
- 12. Examine Parsons' voluntaristic theory of action.
- 13. What is Althusser's perspective of base-superstructure model?
- 14. How is "I" different from "Me", according to Mead?
- 15. Explain the characteristics of life world as given by Schutz.
- 16. What are breaching experiments? Give an example.
- 17. Apply the success proposition of Homans to a classroom situation.
- 18. Do you think that perception of costs and rewards change during the course of a relationship? Explain.

#### Part C

### III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight

(2x5=10)

- 19. Critically examine the functionalist perspective with suitable examples.
- 20. Explain Jurgen Habermas' theory of 'Colonization of the life world'.
- 21. "Gender is an accomplishment"- Examine this statement using ethnomethodological perspective.
- 22. Examine in detail the contributions of George Homans to Exchange theory..

