

BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**2022 ADMISSIONS REGULAR****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 Neo-Marxism?
2. What is class consciousness?
3. What is the purpose of 'emancipation' for critical theorists?
4. What are the goals of critical theory?
5. Who founded the Frankfurt School? Name the major theorists in Frankfurt School?
6. Who is Louis Althusser?
7. According to Althusser, what is the CSA?
8. How is social theory different from sociological theory?
9. Distinguish between structuralism and post-structuralism.
10. What is the relation between langue and parole?
11. How does an individual acquire habitus?
12. Define signification as a modality of structure.

Part B**II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks****(6x5=30)**

13. What is historical materialism?
14. What is the nature of ideology? Discuss the opinion of different scholars regarding this.
15. Distinguish between strategic action and communicative action?
16. How does Habermas combine micro and macro levels in his theory?
17. What were the epistemic changes in medical knowledge in Foucaultian perspective?
18. What are the major themes of the book "History of Sexuality"?
19. What are the major criticisms against Foucault?
20. Examine the subjectivity-objectivity debate from Bourdieu's viewpoint.
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. Discuss the major ideas in the Marxian theory of class struggle.
23. What are Althusser's contributions to structural Marxism?
24. Assess the significance of the following statements with the help of theories you have learned: "Post-modernism is a broad range of re-conceptualizations of society, history and the self as cultural constructs, hence as rhetorical constructs".
25. Examine gender role identity in Kerala society in the context of Giddens' theory.