

MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025
2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY
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. What do you understand by dysfunctional elements of a society?
2. What is social structure?
3. In Parsonian view, which are the 3 subsystems of a social system?
4. What is structuralism?
5. Define hegemony.
6. What is neomarxism?
7. What is 'structure in dominance' of Louis Althusser?
8. What is social constructionism?
9. What is the 'front stage' in dramaturgy?
10. Define 'cost' in exchange theory.

Part B

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

(6x2=12)

11. What do you understand by theories of middle range?
12. Describe the functional postulates of Merton.
13. Examine the contributions of Horkheimer and Adorno to critical theory.
14. Bring out the relation between science and the social world as given by Schutz.
15. Briefly examine the characteristics of symbolic interactionism.
16. Bring out the differences between phenomenology and ethnomethodology.
17. What are the criticisms of Homans' exchange theory?
18. Examine the intellectual roots of exchange theory.

Part C

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

(2x5=10)

19. Compare and contrast functionalist and conflict perspective with examples.
20. What are the major theoretical contributions of Karl Marx to conflict theory?
21. Explain the contributions of Alfred Schutz to phenomenology.
22. Examine in detail the contributions of George Homans to Exchange theory..