

BACHELOR'S DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2025
2024 ADMISSIONS REGULAR
SEMESTER III - MAJOR (SOCIOLOGY)
SO3DSCA01B24 - Foundations of Sociological Thought

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Part A

Answer all questions from the bunch of CO1. Each question carries 2 mark. (2x3=6)

1. Identify characteristics of militant society. [CO1,Understand]
2. Describe briefly any two features of industrial revolution. [CO1,Understand]
3. Describe the features of Comte's religion of humanity. [CO1,Understand]

Part A

Answer all questions from the bunch of CO2. Each question carries 2 mark. (2x3=6)

4. Explain briefly social solidarity. [CO2,Understand]
5. Name any two works of Durkheim. [CO2,Understand]
6. Give any two examples of altruistic suicide. [CO2,Understand]

Part A

Answer all questions from the bunch of CO3. Each question carries 2 mark. (2x3=6)

7. Explain the features of capitalism. [CO3,Understand]
8. Define communism. [CO3,Understand]
9. Describe the features of primitive communism. [CO3,Understand]

Part A

Answer all questions from the bunch of CO4. Each question carries 2 mark. (2x3=6)

10. Describe Weber's concept of the ideal type [CO4,Analyse]
11. Sketch the biographical profile of Max Weber. [CO4,Analyse]
12. Analyse Weber's classification of rationalism. [CO4,Analyse]

Part B

Answer any 2 questions from the bunch of CO1. Each question carries 6 mark. (6x2=12)

13. Discuss the concept of positivism put forward by Auguste Comte. [CO1,Understand]
14. Examine in detail, the classification of sciences by Comte. [CO1,Understand]
15. Distinguish between organic and mechanical solidarity. [CO1,Understand]

Part B

Answer any 2 questions from the bunch of CO2. Each question carries 6 mark. (6x2=12)

16. Deconstruct the concept of totemism and analyze its significance in Durkheim's work. [CO2,Analyse]
17. Examine the differences between mechanical and organic solidarity in Durkheim's theory. [CO2,Analyse]
18. Investigate the concepts of the sacred and the profane with emphasis on its similarities and differences. [CO2,Analyse]

Part B

Answer any 2 questions from the bunch of CO3. Each question carries 6 mark.

(6x2=12)

19. Examine how class struggle leads to social change, providing examples from Marx's analysis of historical development. [CO3,Analyse]
20. Deconstruct the concept of economic determinism as envisioned by Marx, explaining how it shapes societal structure and change. [CO3,Analyse]
21. Investigate the process by which polarization of classes occurs, according to Marxist theory. [CO3,Analyse]

Part C

Answer any 1 question from the bunch of CO4. Each question carries 10 mark.

(10x1=10)

22. Examine Weber's perspectives on the study of society, highlighting his methodological contributions and their implications for sociology [CO4,Analyse]
23. Compare and critically evaluate the views of Weber and Marx on religion, focusing on their similarities and differences. [CO4,Analyse]