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SOCIOLOGY

SECOND PAPER

Full Marks : 200

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

PART-A

Answer any eight of the following questions (within 250 words each)

1. What are the intellectual and social forces that led to the emergence of Sociology as a scientific discipline in the West? Discuss the significance of sociological thought in understanding society today. 15+5=20
2. What is social evolution? Discuss the similarities and dissimilarities between Herbert Spencer's and Emile Durkheim's conception of social evolution. 5+15=20

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3. Examine Durkheim's views on social solidarity and analyse his concepts of 'mechanical solidarity' and 'organic solidarity'. 20
4. Define social fact. Discuss suicide as a social fact. Explain the different types of suicide as put forth by Durkheim. $4+8+8=20$
5. Marx had tried to bring social thought closer to reality by providing a scientific base to the dialectical method. Discuss about the dialectical materialism of Marx's philosophy. 20
6. What is totemism? Discuss as delineated by Durkheim the concepts of 'sacred' and 'profane'. Explain his functional analysis of religion. $4+8+8=20$
7. What is social action? Discuss and evaluate Weber's topology of social action as a means to understand society. To what extent has Weber influenced Talcott Parsons in his conceptualisation of social action? $4+12+4=20$
8. What is Ideal Type? Why are ideal types central in Weber's methodology? Illustrate. $5+10+5=20$

9. "R. K. Merton, the American sociologist was critical about the early functionalist's approach." Discuss Merton's views on functionalism and locate its differences from the perspectives of earlier functionalists.

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10. Analyse Talcott Parsons' social system as a model to understand society. Discuss the limitation of this model. 15+5=20

11. Discuss how Protestant ethics led to the growth of capitalism in the West. Giving suitable examples provide a critical exposition of this nature of relationship between economy and religion. 12+8=20

12. What is Talcott Parsons' pattern variable? How does Parsons apply pattern variables to illustrate his theory of social action?

4+16=20

PART-B

13. Attempt *any five* questions from the following: (*within 150 words each*)

(a) Explain Comte's Positivism and its basic characteristics. 8

(b) By giving suitable examples differentiate between the concepts of manifest function and latent function. 8

(c) Discuss Weber's concept of authority and its different types. 8

(d) What are the differences between 'class-in-itself' and 'class-for-itself'? Discuss the preconditions for transforming a 'class-in-itself' into a 'class-for-itself'. 4+4=8

(e) Comment on the hierarchy of sciences as proposed by Auguste Comte. 8

(f) What are the different types of alienation? Discuss. 8

(g) Explain Spencer's application of organic analogy in understanding social structure. 8

(h) Critically examine Comte's "Law of Three Stages". 8