

MA SOCIOLOGY
Fourth Semester (Repeat)
CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES
(MSO - 401)

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Part-A (Objective) =20
Part-B (Descriptive) =50

(PART-B: Descriptive)

Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins

Marks: 50

Answer any four from Question no. 2 to 8
Question no. 1 is compulsory.

1. What are the factors responsible for the emergence of post modern sociological theories? (4+6=10)
2. Compare and contrast the subject matter of modern and contemporary sociological theoretical perspectives. Is modern sociological theory no longer relevant today? Illustrate. (5+5=10)
3. How according to Jurgen Habermass life world is inspired by different established theories? Explain with examples. (10)
4. Explain how the tea garden society in North East India showcases the concept of Hegemony as highlighted by Gramski. (10)
5. Explain the concept of knowledge and power by Foucault. How the world of prisoners and the jailors can be explained through the process of this theory? Illustrate with examples. (4+6=10)
6. Analyse the importance of simulations in the contemporary global society. (10)
7. Explain how Giddens has described the modern world as a juggernaut. What are the consequences of modernity as depicted by Giddens in his theory of Juggernaut of modernity? (5+5=10)

8. How Zygmunt Bauman used the concept of liquid to explain modernity? Express how according to Bauman social institutions and social relations emerge in modern world. (5+5=10)

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(PART A - Objective Type)

I. Choose the correct answer:

1×20=20

1. Political Revolution is an important factor in the emergence of:
 - a. Classical sociological theory
 - b. Modern sociological theory
 - c. Contemporary sociological theory
 - d. Both classical and modern sociological theory
2. Rejection of the concept of truth is a characteristics of:
 - a. Classical sociological theory
 - b. Modern sociological theory
 - c. Postmodern sociological theory
 - d. All of the above
3. Which of the following is a modern sociological theorist?
 - a. George Ritzer
 - b. Emile Durkheim
 - c. Herbert Mead
 - d. Anthony Giddens
4. Which of the following is not a factor in the emergence of postmodern sociological theory?
 - a. Political Revolution
 - b. Industrialisation
 - c. Growth of science
 - d. Technological domination
5. Which of the following is a contemporary sociological theorist?
 - a. Herbert Spencer
 - b. Emile Durkheim
 - c. Ulrich Beck
 - d. Vilfredo Pereto
6. The concept of imitation is portrayed in:
 - a. Neofunctionalism
 - b. Simulcra and simulation
 - c. Hagemony
 - d. Risk Society
7. Which of the following is not a type of action as illustrated by Habermas?
 - a. Teleological action
 - b. Rational action
 - c. Normatively regulated action
 - d. Dramaturgical action
8. Which of the following is not covered by Foucault in his analysis of the thesis of knowledge and power?
 - a. Madness
 - b. Media
 - c. Prison
 - d. Hospital
9. The theory of Hagemony deals with:
 - a. Rationality
 - b. Social Risks
 - c. Knowledge
 - d. Ideological dominance
10. Which of the following is not a dimension of formal rationality according to George Ritzer?
 - a. Efficiency
 - b. Predictability
 - c. Emphasis on quantity than quality
 - d. Reliability
11. 'Liquid Modernity' is written by:
 - a. J. Derida
 - b. Z. Bauman
 - c. M. Foucault
 - d. W. Kymlicka
12. The process of discovering hidden assumptions about text is called:
 - a. Structuralism
 - b. Neofunctionalism
 - c. Deconstruction
 - d. Simulation
13. Collective rights are pre requisite for:
 - a. Multi cultural citizenship
 - b. Hegemony
 - c. Life world
 - d. Modern capitalist society
14. Anthony Giddens is a sociologist from:
 - a. Germany
 - b. France
 - c. England
 - d. Italy

