

**BA SOCIOLOGY  
FIFTH SEMESTER  
SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT-I  
BSO-501**

**SET  
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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

**( Objective )**

Marks: 20

**Choose the correct answer from the following:**

**1×20=20**

- Comte first described the epistemological perspective of positivism in
  - "The Course in Positive Philosophy"
  - "Social Physics"
  - "A General View of Positivism"
  - "Positivism"
- Which of the following is not a characteristic of positivism?
  - Philosophy does not possess a method different from science
  - Positivism requires intuition, prior reasoning, theological and metaphysical knowledge
  - Fact is the object of knowledge
  - Science is the only valid knowledge
- Which of the following is not true?
  - The organism is a concrete, integrated whole whereas society is a whole composed of discrete and dispersed elements.
  - In an organism the parts exist for the benefit of the whole. In a society, the whole exists merely for the benefit of the individual.
  - The organism is a concrete, integrated whole likewise is the society.
  - In the living organism the Centre of Control is the brain while in case of a society the government or the administration.
- Which function observes that the Social systems must cope with their external boundary conditions, such as their resource base, physical environment, territory and so on.
  - The goal-attainment function
  - The integrative function
  - The latency or pattern maintenance function
  - The adaptive function
- Which is not a characteristics of Social Facts
  - Externality
  - Constraint
  - Coercion
  - Interdependence
- Durkheim introduced the term 'social fact' in his phenomenal work
  - "The Division of Labour in Society"
  - "L' Annee sociologique"
  - "The Rules of Sociological Method".
  - "Suicide"
- Altruistic suicide is more likely when
  - social integration is too weak
  - social integration is too strong
  - social regulation is too weak
  - social regulation is too strong

8. Who defines religion "as a unified system of beliefs and practices forbidden to sacred things, that is to say, things set apart and forbidden...".
  - a. Emile Durkheim
  - b. Max Weber
  - c. Karl Marx
  - d. Talcott Parsons
9. Which is not a characteristic of ideal types?
  - a. Ideal types are mental constructs or subjective in nature
  - b. Ideal types do not exactly correspond to the reality
  - c. Ideal types are hypotheses
  - d. Ideal types as theoretical tools
10. Which type of action acts on emotional response to a situation or external circumstance that is determined by the state of mind of the actor
  - a. Affectual Action
  - b. Traditional Social Action
  - c. Zweckrational Action
  - d. Wert rational Action
11. Authority refers to
  - a. Charismatic power
  - b. Legitimized power
  - c. Dominant power
  - d. Traditional power
12. One of the features of Calvinism is the notion of 'calling' which implies
  - a. 'ascetic' life of strict self-discipline, control and conquest of desires
  - b. only few are chosen to reach heaven and other are destined to be damned
  - c. that all work is important and sacred because it is not mere work
  - d. The image of God as all powerful
13. For Marx, the material or economic activity which is the basis for any change means
  - a. Historical
  - b. Historical Materialism
  - c. Dialectical materialism
  - d. Materialism
14. The negation of slave-owning society by way of its transition into feudal society is a
  - a. Quantitative change
  - b. Negation of negation
  - c. Qualitative change
  - d. Both Qualitative and quantitative change
15. Who wrote the Communist Manifesto ?
  - a. Marx and Hegel
  - b. Marx and Engels
  - c. Karl Marx
  - d. Engels
16. Wealth accumulated by employing labour is called
  - a. Merchant capital
  - b. Industrial capital
  - c. Finance capital
  - d. Landed capital
17. Which group of people in the society is not considered of any importance in terms of potential for creating socialism by Marx?
  - a. Proletariat
  - b. Bourgeoisies
  - c. Lumpenproletariat
  - d. Landlords
18. 'Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the sentiment of a heartless world and the soul of soulless conditions. it is the opium of the people' was said by
  - a. Karl Marx
  - b. Max Weber
  - c. Emile Durkheim
  - d. Herbert Spencer



19. The ability to influence and/or control the behaviour of others even against their will is
- a. Authority
  - b. Legitimized authority
  - c. Domination
  - d. Power
20. When the regulative powers of society are disrupted unleashing the currents of rootlessness and normlessness, people commit which type of suicide?
- a. Anomic Suicide
  - b. Altruistic Suicide
  - c. Egoistic Suicide
  - d. Fatalistic Suicide

**(Descriptive)**

Time : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

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| 1. How did Durkheim link each of the types of suicide to the degree of integration into, or regulation by, society? Discuss. | 10     |
| 2. Discuss Auguste Comte's philosophy of Positivism.   | 10     |
| 3. What is Social Darwinism? Discuss the evolutionary theory of Herbert Spencer in understanding Social Evolution.           | 2+8=10 |
| 4. Define religion according to Durkheim and how did he explain the sacred and profane taking the example of Totemism?       | 2+8=10 |
| 5. Illustrate Weber's construction of Ideal Types.   | 10     |
| 6. "The general ideas of Karl Marx about 'Society' are known as his theory of historical materialism". Discuss.              | 10     |
| 7. Elucidate on the different types of authority.  | 10     |
| 8. Answer any two from the following:  | 5+5=10 |
| a. The AGIL paradigm of Parsons  |        |
| b. George Simmel's Social Interaction  |        |
| c. Theory of Class Struggle  |        |

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