

2025

(CBCS)

(6th Semester)

**SOCIOLOGY**

NINTH PAPER

**( Sociological Theories )**

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions***( SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. According to Auguste Comte, which stage of societal development is dominated by scientific understanding?

- (a) Theological stage ( )      (b) Positive stage ( )  
 (c) Fictitious stage ( )      (d) Metaphysical stage ( )

2. Who is the founder of Religion of Humanity?

- (a) Émile Durkheim ( )      (b) Auguste Comte ( )  
 (c) Max Weber ( )      (d) Karl Marx ( )

3. Choose the correct match from the following.

- (a) Émile Durkheim—Sacred and Profane ( )  
 (b) G. S. Ghurye—Marxist Sociology ( )  
 (c) Max Weber—Alienation ( )  
 (d) Karl Marx—Social Action ( )

4. The basic understanding of why people do the things they do is referred to as

- (a) Erklären ( ) (b) Verstehen ( )  
(c) Verwirren ( ) (d) Kapitalismus ( )

5. Analyze the following and choose the correct characteristic of capitalism with reference to Karl Marx's theory.

- (a) Capitalism is marked by the exploitation of the bourgeoisie ( )  
(b) In capitalist society, the proletariats constantly exploit the bourgeoisie for its labour power ( )  
(c) The oppressed majority in capitalism is the proletariats and the oppressors are the bourgeoisie ( )  
(d) There is no polarization of classes in capitalism ( )

6. Who propounded that society functions as a system, creating social balance and equilibrium?

- (a) A. R. Desai ( ) (b) Auguste Comte ( )  
(c) Karl Marx ( ) (d) Talcott Parsons ( )

7. A state of normlessness in society when the standard norms and values are weak is referred by R. K. Merton as

- (a) indology ( ) (b) pattern variable ( )  
(c) anomie ( ) (d) alienation ( )

8. In India, sociology had its formal beginning in 1917 at

- (a) Bombay University ( ) (b) Calcutta University ( )  
(c) Delhi University ( ) (d) Punjab University ( )

9. Choose the correct statement from the following.

- (a) Indology relies on book view and culture. ( )  
(b) Indology advocates rigorous empirical investigation. ( )  
(c) Indology gives negative account of Indian society. ( )  
(d) Indology is mostly based on fieldworks. ( )

10. Who developed the concept of Sanskritization to explain mobility in Indian society?

- (a) G. S. Ghurye ( ) (b) A. R. Desai ( )  
(c) André Beteille ( ) (d) M. N. Srinivas ( )

**( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS )**

( Marks : 15 )

Answer the following questions :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. What is positivism?

**OR**

2. Differentiate between social statics and social dynamics with reference to Auguste Comte.

UNIT—II

3. Discuss the theory of social evolution as advocated by Herbert Spencer.

**OR**

4. Write three characteristics each for military society and industrial society.

UNIT—III

5. Comment on the famous quote of Karl Marx, "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles".

**OR**

6. Explain the core concept of Max Weber's *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

UNIT—IV

7. Briefly explain Talcott Parsons' social action theory.

**OR**

8. What is Merton's theory of anomie?

UNIT—V

9. Examine the structural functionalism approach to the study of Indian society through the works of M. N. Srinivas.

**OR**

10. What are the key themes in A. R. Desai's Marxist sociology?

**( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )**

( Marks : 50 )

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. Examine how human beings, all knowledge and world history developed through three successive stages—theological, metaphysical and positive.

**OR**

2. Discuss the unique features of religion of humanity.

UNIT—II

3. Give an account of Émile Durkheim's sociology of religion.

**OR**

4. Analyze the theory of organic analogy as propounded by Herbert Spencer.

UNIT—III

5. Examine the types of authority as put forward by Max Weber.

**OR**

6. Write a note on Karl Marx's historical materialism.

UNIT—IV

7. Give an account of AGIL paradigm.

**OR**

8. Give a thorough analysis of manifest and latent functions.

UNIT—V

9. Explain the emergence of Indian sociological thought.

**OR**

10. Elucidate upon indological approach in understanding Indian society.

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