

2016

(3rd Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

Paper No. : SOC-301

(**Foundations of Sociological Thought**)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 45)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Discuss social statics and social dynamics. 9
Or
Explain Comte's law of three stages.
2. Critically examine Spencer's organic analogy. 9
Or
Explain Spencer's view on functionalism.
3. Analyze Marx's historical materialism. 9

Or

Explain alienation according to Karl Marx.

4. What are social facts? Explain the characteristics. 3+6=9

Or

Distinguish between 'sacred' and 'profane' according to Durkheim. 4½+4½=9

5. Explain interpretative sociology according to Weber. 9

Or

What is bureaucracy? Explain some of its characteristics. 3+6=9

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. Social statics refers to the study of the

(a) conditions and preconditions of social order (✓)

(b) process of social change ()

(c) process of progressive evolution ()

(d) evolution of the mind ()

2. The law of three stages represents

- (a) the divine power of gods ()
- (b) different and opposed types of conception (✓)
- (c) search for the essential nature of people ()
- (d) conceptions in the name order ()

3. Survival of the fittest was coined by

- (a) Comte ()
- (b) Weber ()
- (c) Spencer (✓)
- (d) Marx ()

4. Spencer is generally accepted as the

- (a) first founder of sociology ()
- (b) third founder of sociology ()
- (c) fourth founder of sociology ()
- (d) second founder of sociology ✓ ()

5. Historical materialism is stated by Karl Marx in

- (a) *The Communist Manifesto* ()
- (b) *German Ideology* ()
- (c) *Das Capital* ()
- (d) *Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy* ()

6. *The Communist Manifesto* was written in

- (a) 1848 (✓)
- (b) 1845 ()
- (c) 1833 ()
- (d) 1820 ()

7. *The Division of Labour* was written by

- (a) Auguste Comte ()
- (b) Durkheim (✓)
- (c) Max Weber ()
- (d) Herbert Spencer ()

8. Social facts must be regarded as

(a) objects ()

(b) values ()

(c) things (✓)

(d) norms ()

9. Bureaucracy implies

(a) traditional authority ()

(b) goal-oriented authority ()

(c) value-oriented authority ()

(d) rational-legal authority (✓)

10. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* written by

(a) Max Weber (✓)

(b) Auguste Comte ()

(c) Karl Marx ()

(d) Emile Durkheim ()

SECTION—II

Indicate *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark :

1×5=5

1. Auguste Comte was a German thinker.

(T / F[✓])

2. *Origin of Species* was written by Herbert Spencer.

(T / F[✓])

3. The worker becomes a slave to his objects.

(T[✓] / F)

4. In Durkheim's view, the sacred is far from synonymous with the divine.

(T[✓] / F)

5. The term 'bureaucracy' finds its origin from the French word 'bureau' which means 'desk'.

(T / F[✓])

SECTION—III

Answer the following in brief (any *five*) :

1. Write, in brief, the life sketch of Auguste Comte.

2. Mention two similarities between societies and living organisms.

3. Give two differences between social statics and social dynamics.

4. What, according to Durkheim, is religion?

5. How does Karl Marx trace the history of class struggle?

6. Describe the method Durkheim used to interpret social facts.

7. Explain two types of social action.
