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M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026

Third Semester

M.A Sociology

M21SO09DC – Recent Discourses in Sociological Theory

(2024 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Who wrote the book *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*?
2. Who introduced the concept Interactive Ritual Chains?
3. Who proposed the concept of Signification?
4. Which theorist introduced the concept of cultural hegemony?
5. Which concept is characterised by fluidity, uncertainty, mobility and temporariness?
6. Name the theorist who focused on authorship as a key aspect of theorization.
7. Who is the author of the book *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*?
8. Who is the thinker who used the concept of panopticon before Foucault's views on surveillance?
9. Whose theory is premised on the notion of deconstruction?
10. Expand RSA.
11. Give an example of micro sociological theory.
12. Name the theorist who used the concept of Doxa in his works.
13. Which theorist used discourse analysis as methodological approach?
14. Name the theorist who profoundly discussed about the notion of *gender trouble*.
15. Expand LGBTQ.

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Write a note on Social Facts Paradigm.
17. What is modernization?
18. Briefly explain the nature of neo-functionalism.
19. What are the dilemmas of the self as explained by Giddens?
20. What is epistemology?
21. What is cultural relativism?
22. What is logocentrism?

23. Write a note on structuralist Marxism.
24. Explain Foucault's view on discourse.
25. Explain Bourdieu's classification of capitals

(2X5=10)

Section C

Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.

26. Discuss the specificities of Multi-dimensional Sociology of Jeffrey C Alexander
27. Examine the theoretical criticisms raised by the neo-functionalists against the Parsonian Model.
28. Describe the theory of Interactive Ritual Chains proposed by Randal Collins
29. Explain the idea of structuration as a tool to mediate agency and structure.
30. Elucidate the scope of deconstruction both as a concept and a method.
31. Explain Zygmunt Bauman's views on liquid modernity and its significance in contemporary scenario
32. Describe Judith Butler's theory on Gender Performativity.
33. Explain the interconnectedness between Habitus and Field.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Discuss the major levels of social analysis and describe its importance in developing an integrated paradigm.
35. Elucidate Giddens's notion of time-space distanciation and its relevance in the context of globalisation.
36. Describe Callinicos' criticism towards post-modernism and its challenges in social construction of knowledge
37. Explain the sociological implications of Barthes' concept of *Death of the Author*.
38. Describe Louis Althusser's theory of Ideology and its differences from Marxian views.
39. Discuss the theoretical and methodological dimensions of discourse analysis by citing examples from the works of Foucault.

(10X3=30)