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MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JULY 2025

Second Semester

M.A. Sociology

M21SO05DC – Sociological Theories

(2023 January admissions)

(Supplementary/Improvement)

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. According to _____ cultures work for the well-being of the Individual
2. The term 'Eunomia' refers to _____
3. _____ wrote the book 'The Structure of Social Action'.
4. Empirical functionalism was developed by _____
5. According to _____, conflict can be defined as a struggle over values, scarce status, power and resources.
6. _____ doesn't see the inevitability of conflict as part of human nature
7. The main goal of this critical theory was to rethink _____
8. _____ often talks about the 'politicisation of art'
9. The term 'symbolic interaction' was coined by _____
10. According to Mead, 'Me' is the _____ self.
11. Phenomenology is a research method started by _____
12. _____ first used the concept of "thick description".
13. _____ laid the foundation for the structuralist approach to understanding language.
14. The book 'Mythologies- The Raw and the Cooked' was written by _____
15. _____ is a structuralist Marxist.

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Define Functionalism
17. What are the two main approaches in functionalism?

18. What is manifest function?
19. What does the term 'Imperatively Coordinated Associations' mean?
20. What is neo-Marxism?
21. Define symbolic interactionism
22. What is phenomenology?
23. What is meant by anthropological imagination?
24. Distinguish between the signifier and the signified
25. How did Poulantzas define the political?

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Briefly explain Radcliffe-Brown's social system.
27. Briefly describe the uniqueness of Parsons' Functionalism.
28. Describe the three main functional aspects of dysfunction.
29. Critically evaluate the concept of power and group interests with examples.
30. Highlight the contributions of Walter Benjamin and Marcuse in critical perspective.
31. Critically analyse the concept of 'front stage' and 'back stage' by Erving Goffman.
32. Explain how Geertz analyses the culture using thick description?
33. Evaluate the contributions of Ferdinand de Saussure to understand structural linguistics.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Discuss in detail the functionalism of Radcliffe-Brown with suitable examples.
35. Discuss in detail the AGIL paradigm of Talcott Parsons.
36. What is middle range theory? Elucidate its features.
37. Evaluate the functions of social conflict in the process of social change.
38. Evaluate the coherent theory of mind, self and society.
39. Critically evaluate Levi Strauss's concept of culture as a system of exchange.

(10X3=30)