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MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2025

First Semester

M.A. Sociology

M21SO01DC – Foundations of Sociological Theory

(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. The book 'Religion of Humanity' was written by_____
2. Principle of the survival of the fittest was proposed by_____
3. Who wrote the book 'The Rules of Sociological Method'?
4. Concept of verstehen was proposed by_____
5. Principles of Sociology was written by _____
6. Classes are established based on one's relationship to_____
7. Human labour is transformed into a commodity in____ society
8. Who wrote the 'communist manifesto'?
9. _____ is a mental construct used to analyze and compare social situations.
10. The rational action with regard to values is called as _____
11. Weber identified social action based on customs and habits as _____
12. _____ argued that the religious belief determines once economic position.
13. Simmel believed that society is made up of ____ between individuals
14. _____ provides a universal measure for all types of value.
15. Simmel argues that people in cities develop a _____ attitude to protect themselves from the overwhelming stimuli of urban life.

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. Positivism
17. Social Fact
18. Organic solidarity

19. Dialectical Materialism
20. Who is a bourgeois?
21. Alienation
22. Ideal Type
23. Authority
24. Social forms
25. Objective culture

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Elucidate social evolution of Herbert Spencer.
27. Differentiate between material and non-material social facts.
28. Enlist the four postulates of Marx that rejected Hegel's Idealism
29. Highlight the functions of social change.
30. Elucidate the types of social action with examples.
31. Illustrate the three components of stratification according to Weber.
32. Briefly explain the types of sociation.
33. Explain the social Effects of money.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Discuss the law of three stages with appropriate examples.
35. Examine the importance of division of labour in the modern society.
36. Critically analyse the theory of alienation put forward by Karl Marx.
37. Evaluate how ideal type is used as a tool to understand the social reality.
38. Critically examine the theory of protestant ethics and the spirit of capitalism as described by Weber.
39. Examine Simmel's Contribution to the study of groups and group size.

(10X3=30)