

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2023

(Fourth Semester)

Branch – SOCIOLOGY

SOCIAL THOUGHT – I

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. In Auguste Comte's Three stages of Human progress, \_\_\_\_\_ represents the scientific way of thinking and it suits the need of the industrial society.
  - a. Theological stage
  - b. Metaphysical stage
  - c. Positive stage
  - d. Primitive stage
2. Who among the following sociologists used Darwin's Theory of Evolution to study human society?
  - a. Max Weber
  - b. Herbert Spencer
  - c. Emile Durkheim
  - d. Auguste Comte
3. Anomie means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. A state of normlessness
  - b. A state of social conflict
  - c. A state of social change
  - d. A state of social disorganization
4. What is the term used by Marx to describe the exploitation of workers by capitalists?
  - a. Alienation
  - b. Division of labour
  - c. Surplus value
  - d. The falling rate of profit
5. Max Weber formed a theory of stratification in which social difference is determined by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Class
  - b. Status
  - c. Power
  - d. All the above

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

6. a. How did Auguste Comte arrange the hierarchy of sciences?  
OR  
b. Write a note on 'Positivism'.
7. a. Briefly explain Social Darwinism.  
OR  
b. Write a note on Herbert Spencer's Classification of society.
8. a. Explain Durkheim's concept of social facts with its properties and types.  
OR  
b. What are the 3 elements of religion as identified by Durkheim?
9. a. What is surplus value by Karl Marx?  
OR  
b. Briefly explain Economic determinism.

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10. a. What is *verstehen* approach? Who introduced it in sociology?  
OR  
b. What is Ideal type? Name the four categories of Ideal types.

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

11. a. Explain Auguste Comte's Law of Human Progress.  
OR  
b. Describe the two main divisions of Sociology by Auguste Comte.
12. a. Explicate the views of Herbert Spencer on organic analogy of society.  
OR  
b. Explain the Evolutionary Doctrine of Herbert Spencer.
13. a. Elucidate Durkheim's theory of Division of Labour in society.  
OR  
b. Discuss Emile Durkheim's theory of Suicide with its different types.
14. a. Describe in detail Karl Marx's theory of Alienation.  
OR  
b. Explain Karl Marx's theory of class conflict.
15. a. Enumerate the six principles of Max Weber's bureaucratic form.  
OR  
b. Classify the types of Authority

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