

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025

(Fifth Semester)

Branch - SOCIOLOGY

SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

- 1 When did gerontology begin to emerge as a distinct field of study?
(i). Early 18th century (ii). Mid-19th century
(iii). Early 20th century (iv). Late 20th century
- 2 Which theory suggests that staying active and engaged in activities leads to a more satisfying old age?
(i). Social Disengagement Theory (ii). Activity Theory
(iii). Role Theory
(iv). Social Stratification Theory
- 3 What is a common characteristic of old age?
(i). Increased physical strength
(ii). Decreased mobility and physical health
(iii). Rapid cognitive development
(iv). Increased financial dependence on parents
- 4 What is a common vision problem among the elderly that involves clouding of the eye's lens?
(i). Glaucoma (ii). Myopia
(iii). Cataracts (iv). Astigmatism
- 5 What is a common characteristic of family relationships in later life?
(i). Decrease in family support
(ii). Increased reliance on family for emotional and practical support
(iv). Complete independence from family
(v). Lack of communication with family members

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

- 6.a. Describe the Social concepts of Gerontology.
(OR)
- b. Explain the characteristics of old age.
- 7.a. Summarize the activity and social disengagement theory of ageing.
(OR)
- b. Develop the symbolic interaction theory on aged.
- 8.a. Bring out the changes in the pattern of living of aged people.
(OR)
- b. How are the Old aged people been treated in the Post-industrial Society in our country?

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- 9.a. State the consequences of Biological Problems of Aged
(OR)
b. Narrate the Economic problems of Aged in today's context
- 10.a. Examine the legal security for the aged in India
(OR)
b. Analyze the importance of family maintenance Act for Aged in India

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 6 = 30)

- 11 a. State the meaning of demographic aspects of aging.
OR
b. Describe the significances of Social Gerontology.
- 12 a. Elucidate theories of Conflict and Continuity on ageing.
OR
b. Examine the modernization theory of Ageing.
- 13 a. Analyze different factors responsible for the changing image of the aged.
OR
b. Critically evaluate the impact of Science and technology on ageing.
- 14 a. Enumerate the nature of depression, Anxiety and social problems of Aged in India .
OR
b. Evaluate adjustment and loneliness problem of Aged.
- 15 a. Elaborate the role and functions of NGOs and Governmental sectors on the welfare of senior citizens in India.
OR
b. Explicate the old age benefits for the elderly in organized sectors.

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