

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025  
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – SOCIOLOGY

SOCIAL THOUGHT – I

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	When did French Revolution take place? a. 1769      b. 1779      c. 1789      d. 1799	K1	CO1
	2	Infer the scientific view developed by Auguste Comte is known as _____. a. Positive Philosophy      b. Scientific Philosophy c. Moderate Philosophy      d. Negative Philosophy	K2	CO1
2	3	What concept did Herbert Spencer develop that drew parallels between the evolution of societies and theory of evolution by natural selection? a. Communism b. Socialism c. Functionalism d. Social Darwinism	K1	CO2
	4	Demonstrate the famous phrase which is closely associated with Herbert Spencer's application of evolutionary principles to society. a. 'Workers of the World, Unite' b. "Survival of the Fittest" c. 'The Iron Cage of Rationality' d. 'The Iron Law of Oligarchy'	K2	CO2
3	5	Find the characteristics of 'Organic Solidarity'? a. A Highly specialized Division of Labour b. A strong Collective Consciousness c. A low degree of individual autonomy d. The use of traditional customs to resolve disputes	K1	CO1
	6	Identify the name of the suicide which resulted from a society may experience a state of 'normlessness'. a. Egoistic Suicide b. Fatalistic Suicide c. Anomic Suicide d. Altruistic Suicide	K2	CO1
4	7	Who has the strongest intellectual influence on Karl Marx? a. Auguste Comte b. Herbert Spencer c. Max Weber d. Friedrich Hegel	K1	CO2
	8	Translate the meaning of the word 'Bourgeoisie' in the Capitalist society. a. Working Class b. Owners of the Means of Production c. Political Elite d. Peasants	K2	CO2

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5	9	Recall the meaning of 'Ideal Types' according to Max Weber? a. Social Realities      b. Sociological Phenomena c. Mental Constructs      d. Mental Tools	K1	CO1
	10	Relate the basis for the functioning of the 'Legal-rational Authority', as per Max Weber. a. Rules and Regulations      b. Traditional Norms c. Non-hierarchy      d. Unwritten Laws	K2	CO1

**SECTION - B (35 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks  $(5 \times 7 = 35)$ 

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Trace the causative factors for the origin of Sociological thinking in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century.  (OR)	K3	CO2
	11.b.	Build the salient features of Comte's ideas on Religion & Humanity.		
2	12.a.	Construct Spencer's theory on Classification of Society.  (OR)	K3	CO3
	12.b.	Identify Herbert Spencer's Evolutionary Doctrine Laws and Principles.		
3	13.a.	Distinguish the Material and Non-material Social Facts with suitable examples according to Emile Durkheim.  (OR)	K4	CO3
	13.b.	Inspect the causes and consequences of Division of Labour as per views of Emile Durkheim.		
4	14.a.	Review the stages and principles of Dialectical Materialism as mentioned by Karl Marx.  (OR)	K4	CO4
	14.b.	Scrutinize the transition from 'class-in-itself to class-for-itself', according to Karl Marx.		
5	15.a.	Compare the styles of bureaucratic organizational authority with Weber's other forms of authority.  (OR)	K5	CO4
	15.b.	Explain the four types of Social Action with suitable examples.		

**SECTION - C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks  $(3 \times 10 = 30)$ 

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Analyze Comte's Law of Human Progress.	K4	CO2
2	17	'Society is like a living organism' – Defend this statement in light of Herbert Spencer's Organic Analogy.	K5	CO3
3	18	Examine the significance of Emile Durkheim's study of Suicide in the field of Sociology.	K4	CO4
4	19	Inspect the relevance of Karl Marx's theory of Alienation in understanding modern workplace.	K4	CO3
5	20	Evaluate the autonomy and interdependence of Class, Status and Power in Max Weber's theory of Social Stratification.	K5	CO5