

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Fifth Semester)

Branch -**SOCIOLOGY**

SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Q. No	Question	K Level	CO
1	Who coined the concept of ageism? (i) Robert Butler (ii) James Schultz (iii) Joseph Quinn (iv) Pearl Roberts	K1	CO1
2	The medical aspects of the Gerontology is (i) Medical gerontology (ii) aging (iii) Geriatrics (iv) Bio- gerontology	K2	CO1
3	Who is the profounder of Age stratification theory? (i) August Weismann (ii) Elaine Cumming (iii) Sigmund Freud (iv) Matilda White Riley	K1	CO2
4	Which theory emphasizes that staying mentally and socially active promotes well-being in older adults? (i) Wear and Tear Theory (ii) Activity Theory (iii) Disengagement Theory (iv) Gene Regulation Theory	K2	CO2
5	In pre-industrial societies, the image of the aged was largely associated with: (i) Wisdom and high status (ii) Physical dependency (iii) Technological incompetence (iv) Social burden	K1	CO3
6	Which of the following is a negative impact of modern technology on the image of the aged? (i) Improved healthcare services (ii) Better communication with family (iii) A "gap" in technological (iv) Enhanced mobility competence,	K2	CO3
7	What is a primary social factor that aggravates the frustration of elderly people? (i) Over-employment (ii) Societal prejudice & segregation (iii) Excessive family involvement (iv) Active participation in politics	K1	CO4
8	Empty Nest syndrome is a problem faced by elderly due to (i) Lack of income (ii) Poor health (iii) Threat to privacy (iv) Living alone at home	K2	CO4
9	The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act was enacted in: (i) 1999 (ii) 2005 (iii) 2010 (iv) 2007	K1	CO4
10	Which article of constitution deals with elderly (i) Article 41 (ii) Article 41A (iii) Article 42 (iv) Article 42 A	K2	CO4

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)Answer **ALL** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
11.a.	Define Social gerontology and its significance.	K1 (iii)	
	(OR)		
11.b.	What is ageing and mention its demographic aspects in India?	K1 (i) (iii)	CO1
12.a.	Compare and contrast Disengagement Theory and Activity Theory as sociological perspectives on ageing.	K2	CO2
	(OR)		
12.b.	Illustrate the continuity theory of ageing with suitable examples.		
13.a.	Write a detailed note on the factors responsible for the changing image of the aged.	K3	CO3
	(OR)		
13.b.	Examine the impact of science and technology on ageing.		
14.a.	Distinguish between psychological problems and social problems faced by the elderly?	K4	CO4
	(OR)		
14.b.	Examine the Adjustment problems faced by elderly individuals who move from rural to urban nuclear setups.		
15.a.	Analyze the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in providing care and advocacy for the elderly in India.	K4	CO4
	(OR)		
15.b.	Critically evaluate the functions of old age benefits for elderly in organized sectors.		

SECTION - C (30 Marks)Answer **ANY THREE** questions**ALL** questions carry **EQUAL** Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
16	List out the various perspectives of ageing and compare it with the contemporary society.	K1	CO1
17	Demonstrate the symbolic theory of ageing in the modern context.	K2	CO2
18	Critically analyze the shift from joint families to nuclear families has affected the "Image of the Aged" and contributed to the problem of loneliness and social isolation.	K4	CO3
19	"Ageing is not just a biological process but a social and psychological challenge." Elaborate on this statement by discussing the Biological, Social, and Adjustment problems faced by the aged.	K4	CO4
20	Evaluate the Social Security and Social Assistance schemes available for the elderly in India.	K5	CO4