

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(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	Which is known as a period of remarkable intellectual development and change in philosophical thought in the history of the development of Sociology? a. Industrial Revolution b. Period of Enlightenment c. Religious Change d. Urbanization	K1	CO1
	2	Outline in which work Auguste Comte developed the Law of Three Stages. a. Religion of Humanity b. Treatise on Sociology c. The Origin of Sociology d. The Course in Positive Philosophy	K2	CO1
2	3	Who among the following mentioned about the interdependent parts of society? a. George Simmel b. Edwin Herbert c. Herbert Spencer d. Auguste Comte	K1	Co2
	4	Demonstrate the Sociologist who has written the book 'Social Statics'? a. Herbert Spencer b. Emile Durkheim c. Auguste Comte d. Saint Simon	K2	CO2
3	5	Find in which work Emile Durkheim introduced the concept 'Anomie'? a. Social Solidarity b. Religious Ethics c. Division of Labour d. Suicide	K1	CO3
	6	Demonstrate what is the task of study of Sociology according to Emile Durkheim? a. Social Facts b. Social Imagination c. Social Pluralism d. Social Demonstration	K2	CO3
4	7	Match the appropriate word with the Karl Marx argument that 'History of the society is a history of _____'. a. Religious Reform b. Scientific Discovery c. Class Struggle d. Educational Reform	K1	CO4
	8	Translate the meaning of the word 'Proletariat' in the Capitalist society. a. The Land Owners b. The Labour Class c. The Politicians d. The Owners of Factories	K2	CO4

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5	9	When an authority determined by virtue of a person's inherited status, then the same authority is called _____. a. Charismatic Authority b. Rational legal Authority c. Democratic Authority d. Traditional Authority	K1	CO5
	10	Illustrate the Sociologist who is closely associated with the concept 'Bureaucracy'. a. Karl Marx b. Max Alexander c. Max Weber d. Emile Durkheim	K2	CO5

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

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Build Comte's idea of Hierarchy of Sciences.	K3	CO2
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Construct Comte's theory of Religion of Humanity.		
2	12.a.	Organize the characteristics of Militant and Industrial Societies.	K3	CO3
		(OR)		
	12.b.	What is Social Darwinism? Identify the impact of impact of political and economic ideologies in the 19 th century.		
3	13.a.	List out Durkheim's types of Suicide.	K3	CO3
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Construct the elements and functions of religion according to Emile Durkheim.		
4	14.a.	List Marx' four types of Alienation and how does they impact on individual and society.	K4	CO4
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Inspect the concept 'Dictatorship of Proletariat' in the context of establishing classless society as per Karl Marx.		
5	15.a.	Explain the importance of 'Verstehen' approach in Sociology.	K5	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Assess the role of Weber's Ideal Type in achieving objectivity and value neutrality in Social Science research.		

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

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Evaluate the characteristics and salient features of Comte's Social Statics and Social Dynamics.	K5	CO2
2	17	Analyze the Laws and principles of Herbert Spencer's Evolutionary doctrine.	K4	CO3
3	18	Examine whether Durkheim's theory of Division of Labour is relevant in the present day context.	K4	CO4
4	19	'Historical Materialism is Economic Determinism' – Critically analyze	K4	CO3
5	20	Estimate the relationship between ascetic Protestantism and rise of the Spirit of Capitalism, as discussed by Max Weber.	K5	CO5