

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(Fifth Semester)**

Branch -SOCIOLOGY

SOCIAL THOUGHT - II

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 sociologist is associated with the concept of Looking Glass Self? (i) Max Weber (ii) Émile Durkheim (iii) Charles Horton Cooley (iv) Herbert Spencer	K1	CO1
	2	According to William Isaac Thomas, social action depends mainly on: (i) Social norms (ii) Economic forces (iii) Definition of the situation (iv) Cultural values	K2	CO1
2	3	What type of social action is mainly guided by sentiments and emotions according to Vilfredo Pareto? (i) Logical action (ii) Scientific action (iii) Economic action (iv) Non-logical action	K1	CO2
	4	What does the term Derivations refer to in Pareto's theory? (i) Basic human instincts (ii) Logical social actions (iii) Justifications of non-logical actions (iv) Economic motives	K2	CO2
3	5	Which type of culture emphasizes spiritual values and religious beliefs? (i) Sensate culture (ii) Mixed culture (iii) Ideational culture (iv) Material culture	K1	CO3
	6	Which of the following is a type of social mobility explained by Sorokin? (i) Cultural mobility (ii) Horizontal mobility (iii) Psychological mobility (iv) Moral mobility	K2	CO3
4	7	What is the main focus of Talcott Parsons' theory of social action? (i) Individual instincts (ii) Social conflict (iii) Meaningful social action within a system (iv) Economic determination	K1	CO4
	8	Which function of the AGIL model deals with maintaining values and motivation? (i) Adaptation (ii) Goal attainment (iii) Integration (iv) Latency	K2	CO4
5	9	How does the reference group influence individual behaviour according to Merton? (i) By enforcing laws (ii) By controlling economy (iii) By providing standards for comparison (iv) By determining social class	K1	CO5
	10	Which concept refers to the feeling of dissatisfaction arising from comparison with others? (i) Absolute deprivation (ii) Cultural deprivation (iii) Relative deprivation (iv) Social isolation	K2	CO5

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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.	How do Primary Groups contribute to personality development according to C.H. Cooley?	K1	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	What is the Theory of Four Wishes in the classification of personality?		
2	12.a.	How does Vilfredo Pareto explain them through the theory of residues and derivations?	K1	CO2
		(OR)		
	12.b.	What is the circulation of elites and what is its sociological significance in explaining social change according to Pareto?		
3	13.a.	Classify the main features of socio-cultural dynamics and the principles of social change as explained by Pitirim A. Sorokin.	K2	CO3
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Explain social mobility and the concept of sickness of society according to Pitirim A. Sorokin.		
4	14.a.	Apply the relationship between the theory of social action and the social system in the sociological framework of Talcott Parsons.	K3	CO4
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Identify the pattern variables and explain the components of the AGIL model as formulated by Talcott Parsons.		
5	15.a.	Analyze the major concepts of functional analysis and explain manifest and latent functions along with dysfunction as discussed by Robert K. Merton.	K4	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Assume the social structure and anomie, reference group, relative deprivation, and role theory in the sociological analysis of Robert K. Merton.		

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	Which concepts explain the Looking-Glass Self and Primary Group of C. H. Cooley, and the classification of personality of W. I. Thomas?	K1	CO1
2	17	Illustrate the logical and non-logical action, the theory of residues and derivations, and the circulation of elites as explained by Vilfredo Pareto.	K2	CO2
3	18	Analyze socio-cultural dynamics, the principles of social change, social mobility, and the concept of sickness of society as explained by Pitirim A. Sorokin.	K4	CO3
4	19	Apply the theory of social action to explain the social system, pattern variables, and the AGIL model in the sociological framework of Talcott Parsons.	K3	CO4
5	20	Assess functional analysis, manifest and latent functions, dysfunction, social structure and anomie, reference group, relative deprivation, and role theory in the sociological framework of Robert K. Merton.	K5	CO5

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