

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

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

Branch: SOCIOLOGY

GENERAL SOCIOLOGY -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	Sociology is primarily focussed on the study of: a) Individual behavior b) Social groups and institutions c) Natural phenomena d) Language development	K1	CO1
	2	The relationship between sociology and history is mainly based on: a) Study of individual intelligence b) Analysis of social events over time c) Mathematical calculations d) Physical environment	K2	CO1
2	3	In the context of the Social Contract Theory, what term is used to describe the hypothetical condition of humanity before the formation of society and government? a) The State of Nature b) The Civil Society c) The Social Order d) The Leviathan	K1	CO2
	4	Herbert Spencer's contribution to the Evolutionary Theory of society is closely linked to the concept of: a) The perpetual war of all against all b) Progressive differentiation and increasing complexity c) The ideal state (Utopia) d) Collective consciousness	K2	CO2
3	5	Which is not a characteristic of an institution? a) Stability b) Normative structure c) Absence of rules d) Social purpose	K1	CO3
	6	Ascribed status is based on: a) Personal achievements b) Birth, age, sex, or family background c) Occupational skills d) Educational attainment	K2	CO3
4	7	The term cultural lag was introduced by: a) Emile Durkheim b) William F. Ogburn c) Max Weber d) Karl Marx	K1	CO4
	8	Civilization differs from culture mainly because civilization: a) Refers to basic social institutions only b) Emphasizes material and technical advancement c) Is restricted to rural life d) Has no relation to social progress	K2	CO4
5	9	Socialization primarily refers to: a) The biological process of reproduction b) The process by which individuals learn and internalize culture and social norms c) The economic exchange between people d) The political control of society	K1	CO5
	10	The "oral, anal, and oedipal" stages of socialization relate to which theorist's model? a) Sigmund Freud b) Jean Piaget c) George Herbert Mead d) Charles Cooley	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.	Describe the origin and development of sociology as an academic discipline.	K2	CO1
	(OR)			
	11.b.	Discuss the role of sociology in criminology and the study of deviance.		
2	12.a.	Elaborate on the concept of 'Community'.	K2	CO2
	(OR)			
	12.b.	Compare and contrast the Divine Theory and the Social Contract Theory as explanations for the origin of society.		
3	13.a.	Illustrate the main characteristics of a social institution with examples.	K3	CO3
	(OR)			
	13.b.	Distinguish between ascribed status and achieved status with illustrations.	K4	
4	14.a.	Define civilization and explain its essential characteristics.	K1	CO4
	(OR)			
	14.b.	Explain the concept of cultural diffusion and discuss its role in cultural development.		
5	15.a.	Explain how the major characteristics of socialization influence an individual's ability to adapt and function in distinct social settings (e.g., family vs. workplace).	K4	CO5
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Analyze how the presence of widespread faulty socialization leads to increased rates of delinquency and deviance.		

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	Discuss the main uses and practical applications of sociology in modern society.	K1	CO1
2	17	Evaluate the Evolutionary Theory of society's origin.	K2	CO2
3	18	Examine the interrelationship between institution, role, status, and social groups in maintaining social order.	K3	CO3
4	19	Illustrate the major functions of culture in maintaining social life.	K3	CO4
5	20	Analyse the importance of socialization in personality development and social adjustment.	K4	CO5

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