

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2007

SO 1804 - SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

AO 9

Date : 27/10/2007
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Write a short note on the following. (2x10 = 20 Marks)

01. Alienation.
02. Social Fact.
03. Military-Industrial Complex.
04. Egoistic Suicide.
05. Restitutive Law.
06. Metaphysics.
07. Hierarchical Observation.
08. Idealism.
09. Latent Function
10. Mechanical Solidarity

PART-B

Answer any FIVE questions in 300 words each (5x8 = 40 Marks)

11. 'As capital accumulation grows, so labour becomes an ever cheaper commodity, devalued and dehumanised'. Explain.
12. Compare and contrast between the Marxist and Weberian perspectives on shaping the modern world.
13. What are the functional imperatives that a society needs to fulfil in order to survive?
14. Write a short note on the four possible crisis tendencies within the modern capitalist system as given by Jurgen Habermas.
15. How does Habermas say that today's rationality as a distortion of pure reason?
16. How does social theory help us to understand society?
17. 'Nature is society and society is nature'. Why does Ulrich Beck see nature and society intertwined?

Part-C

Answer any TWO questions in 1200 words (2x20 = 40 Marks)

18. 'The land of the free is not as free as it thinks'. Give a critic in the light of Mill's theory of power – elite.
19. 'The study of stigma is not only an analysis of a special form of 'image management' but of a particular form of social control'. Elucidate.
20. Elaborate upon the various dilemmas that confront modern sociological theory building.
21. Knowledge determines power and power in turn determines knowledge. Elucidate.

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