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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2016

16PSO1MC02 / SO 1812 - SOIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date: 04-11-2016
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART A

Answer all the questions in about 30 words each:

(10 x 2=20 marks)

1. What is theory?
2. What is altruism?
3. Define social fact.
4. What is organic solidarity?
5. What is social evolution?
6. Differentiate Bourgeoisie from proletariat.
7. How does Weber define social action?
8. Define authority.
9. Distinguish between manifest and latent function.
10. How did Merton define reference group?

PART B

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each:

(5 x 8=40 marks)

11. Briefly explain the law of three stages.
12. Describe the organismic analogy of Spencer.
13. Highlight the significance of theory of solidarity to understand the society.
14. Describe the modes of production as outlined by Marx.
15. Evaluate the types of authority as described by Weber.
16. Explain pattern variables of Parsons.
17. What are the three postulates of functionalism that Merton refuted and why?

PART C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1,200 words each:

(2 x 20=40 Marks)

18. Discuss the hierarchy of sciences as outlined by Auguste Comte.
19. Critically examine the theory of protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
20. Discuss the causes and types of suicide as outlined by Emile Durkheim.
21. Elaborate on the functional prerequisites as outlined by Parsons.
