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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2022

PSO 2501 – CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date: 15-06-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

PART – A

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

Q. No Answer ALL questions in about 30 words

- 1 What is sociological imagination?
- 2 What are the different types of functions proposed by Merton?
- 3 Why did Davis and Moore emphasize on the functional necessity of stratification?
- 4 What is reflexivity?
- 5 Define cultural hegemony.
- 6 Name any four theorists from the Frankfurt school of critical thought.
- 7 Differentiate post-modernism from modernism.
- 8 What is public sphere according to Habermas?
- 9 Write a short note on ethnomethodology.
- 10 What is post structuralism?

PART – B

(5 x 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words

- 11 Write a brief note on Merton's criticism on the basic postulates of functional analysis.
- 12 Elucidate the contributions of Garfinkel to ethnomethodology.
- 13 Explain Dahrendorf's conception of authority as a central theme in social conflict.
- 14 Discuss the post-structuralist critique to the Neo-marxian school of thought.
- 15 How did Giddens use the concept of reflexivity in his theory of structuration? Explain.
- 16 Discuss Gramsci's contribution to the Frankfurt school of critical theory.
- 17 Why is Foucault called a postmodernist? Explain.

PART – C

(2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words

- 18 Discuss Parson's social systems theory.
- 19 Critically evaluate the methodological significance of phenomenology and ethnomethodology to social theory.
- 20 Using the foundational categories of madness, illness, discipline and sexuality, critically evaluate the relationship between power and knowledge put forth by Foucault.
- 21 Examine in detail the conception of cultural hegemony and ideological state apparatus from the Frankfurt school.

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