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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2023

PSO 2501 – CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date: 09-05-2023

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

PART – A

(10 x 2 = 10 Marks)

Q. No Answer ALL questions

- 1 What is Sociological Imagination?
- 2 Differentiate manifest function from latent function.
- 3 Write a short note on quasi groups and interest groups.
- 4 How is structural functionalism different from functionalism?
- 5 What is Ideological State Apparatus?
- 6 What is Habitus?
- 7 What is phenomenology?
- 8 What is the public sphere according to Habermas?
- 9 Name any four theorists from the Frankfurt school of critical thought.
- 10 What is Postmodernism?

PART – B

(5 x 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer any FIVE questions

- 11 Briefly discuss Parson's theory of social action.
- 12 Explain Dahrendorf's theory on Dialectical conflict.
- 13 Write in brief the contributions of Garfinkel to ethnomethodology.
- 14 Discuss in detail the Neo-Marxian critique to the Marxist school of thought.
- 15 How did Giddens use the concept of reflexivity in his theory of structuration?
- 16 Evaluate how Foucault used the method of Archeology and Genealogy to uncover the relationship between power and knowledge.
- 17 Explain Bourdieu's conception of Field, Capital and Habitus.

PART – C

(2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

Answer any TWO questions

- 18 Critically evaluate Merton's Functionalist theory on Crime and Deviance.
- 19 Examine the conception of Cultural Hegemony and Ideological state apparatus from the Frankfurt school.
- 20 Analyze the interplay of structure and agency taking into account the arguments put forth by Foucault, Bourdieu and Giddens
- 21 Critically evaluate Peter M. Blau's Exchange theory.
