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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

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PSO1MC02 – SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I

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Max. : 100 Marks

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SECTION A

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1	Choose the right answer.	(5 x 1 = 5)	
a)	Which of the following sociologists advocated Lamarckism? a) August Comte b) Herbert Spencer c) Georg Simmel d) George Frazer	K1	CO1
b)	The statement “religion is the opiate of masses” is attributed to a. Max weber b. Kingsley Davis c. Karl Marx d. Emile Durkheim	K1	CO1
c)	Which of the following is not the book written by Max Weber? a. Politics as a vocation b. Science as a vocation c. Social action d. The City	K1	CO1
d)	Which of the following sociologists studied the religious practices among Australian aboriginals? a. Emile Durkheim b. Marcel Mauss c. Karl Marx d. Talcott Parsons	K1	CO1
e)	Which sociologist used methodological collectivism? a. Karl Marx b. Emile Durkheim c. Max Weber d. R.K. Merton	K1	CO1
2	Answer the following.	(5 x 1 = 5)	
a)	Name two thinkers who influenced August Comte	K2	CO1
b)	Mention any two works by Karl Marx	K2	CO1
c)	Name two books written by Durkheim.	K2	CO1
d)	Mention two thinkers who can be termed structural functionalists.	K2	CO1
e)	Name two thinkers who contributed to phenomenology	K2	CO1
SECTION B			
Answer any THREE of the following in 500 words (3 x 10 = 30)			
3	Briefly discuss the characteristics features of deistic stage.	K3	CO2
4	Write a short note on the concept “sui generis”.	K3	CO2
5	How did Comte use the concept static and dynamics to understand society?	K3	CO2
6	Write a brief note on the concept “collective consciousness”.	K3	CO2
7	What did Marx argue in his work “The critique to Hegel’s philosophy of right”?	K3	CO2

SECTION C			
Answer any TWO of the following in 500 words (2 x 12.5 = 25)			
8	“Greed is set into motion” – briefly explain the materialist and idealist explanations expounded by Marx and weber respectively.	K4	CO3
9	Discuss how the Weberian conception of a class is different from Marx’s concept.	K4	CO3
10	Briefly discuss the following concepts: a) Ideal type b) Verstehen c) Value neutrality	K4	CO3
11	Analyse the notion of “contract” in the making of a complex society.	K4	CO3
SECTION D			
Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words. (1 x 15 = 15)			
12	Critically analyse the contractual nature of money and law in making a complex modern society possible.	K5	CO4
13	Elucidate the significance of Phenomenology from Berger and Luckmann’s work “The social construction of reality”	K5	CO4
SECTION E			
Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)			
14	Critically evaluate Historical Materialism by Karl Marx.	K6	CO5
15	Discuss the theory of Protestant ethics and the spirit of capitalism.	K6	CO5
