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USO 4501 – CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(10 x 1 = 10)

1 Fill in the blanks

- a) Heart of Parson's work is based on his four action systems - social system, cultural system, _____ and behavioral organism.
- b) _____ groups serve as a mirror against which we measure our actions and identity.
- c) _____ is the father of critical theory.
- d) Communicative action is focused on _____.
- e) According to Goffman _____ describes situation of the individual who is disqualified from full social acceptance.

2 Answer the following

- a) Identify the most important reference group.
- b) List any two reasons for legitimation crisis.
- c) What are the two types of stigma?
- d) Who introduced the term 'Medical Gaze'?
- e) Who introduced the concept 'Habitus'?

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(10 x 1 = 10)

3 True or False

- a) Frankfurt School refers to a group of German-African theorists who developed powerful analyses of the changes in Western capitalist societies.
- b) Castells argues that it is not purely the technology that defines modern societies.
- c) Michel Foucault exposes the hidden mechanisms and social structures behind the modern penal system, tracing its evolution from torture to incarceration and exploring the power dynamics at play.
- d) Bourdieu posits that there are four types of capital: economic, social, political, and cultural.
- e) Advancements in science and technology have accelerated modernization and globalization processes which have created more societal risks alongside their positive impacts on the world.

4	Define the following
a)	Latent Function
b)	Network Society
c)	Anomie
d)	Public Sphere
e)	Unit Act
SECTION B – K3 (CO2)	
	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)
5	Identify pattern variables as propounded by Parsons.
6	Explain legitimization crisis according to Habermas.
7	Highlight the significance Goffman's work on stigma.
8	Identify Foucault's theme in the book 'The birth of the Clinic'.
SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)
9	Analyse AGIL model.
10	Examine dialectic of enlightenment.
11	Dissect Bauman's liquid modernity.
12	How does power and knowledge mutually affect each other according to Foucault?
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
13	Deviance is an outcome of strain between culture and social structure. Argue using Merton's thesis on deviance.
14	Compare capital as identified by Bourdieu.
SECTION E– K6 (CO5)	
	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)
15	Estimate Alfred Schutz view of life world.
16	Examine the thesis of risk society proposed by Ulrich Beck.
