



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

PSO1MC02 – SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I



Date: 25-04-2025

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Match the following

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| a) | Sociological Imagination | - | Emile Durkheim |
| b) | Social Action | - | Harold Garfinkel |
| c) | Social Fact | - | Clifford Geertz |
| d) | Interpretation of Cultures | - | C. W. Mills |
| e) | Ethnomethodology | - | Max Weber |

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 True or False

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| a) | According to Marx, the task of philosophy is merely to interpret the world. |
| b) | Suicide must be understood as an individual's psychological phenomenon. |
| c) | Symbolic interactionism understands the self as a mere psychological category. |
| d) | Durkheim argued that modern societies are characterized by mechanical solidarity. |
| e) | According to Weber, Catholics are more successful under capitalism than Protestants. |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

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| 3 | Demonstrate your understanding of commodity fetishism. |
| 4 | Illustrate your understanding of phenomenology. |
| 5 | Apply the symbolic interactionist perspective to understand the self and society. |
| 6 | Sketch the role played by religion in social solidarity. |
| 7 | Assess Weber's theory of bureaucracy in modern society. |

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

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| 8 | Analyze the significance of social action as a conceptual category in sociology. |
| 9 | Employ Marx's method of materialism to describe the various modes of production in history. |
| 10 | Interpret how functions and structures interact in Talcott Parsons' sociology. |
| 11 | Illustrate your understanding of Ethnomethodology. |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words

(1 x 15 = 15)

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| 12 | Summarize your understanding of Marx's method of dialectics and materialism. |
| 13 | Compose how Davis and Moore understand social stratification. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words

(1 x 20 = 20)

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| 14 | Describe Durkheim's sociological study of suicide. |
| 15 | Evaluate Weber's understanding of how protestant ethics favor capitalist system. |
