



# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

## M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

### PSO1MC03 – METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)	
	<b>Answer ALL the questions</b> (5 x 1 = 5)
<b>1</b>	<b>Fill in the blanks</b>
a)	Descartes in his first meditation adopted the method of _____.
b)	_____ leads to crisis according to Kuhn.
c)	Habitus and field are theoretical concepts put forth by _____.
d)	_____ sociology is an approach developed by Max Weber.
e)	_____ pioneered Subaltern studies in India.
SECTION A – K2 (CO1)	
	<b>Answer ALL the questions</b> (5 x 1 = 5)
<b>2</b>	<b>Match the following</b>
a)	Dualism - Edward Said
b)	Balinese cockfight - Alvin Gouldner
c)	Positivism - Rene Descartes
d)	Orientalism - Clifford Geertz
e)	Reflexivity - Auguste Comte
SECTION B – K3 (CO2)	
	<b>Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.</b> (3 x 10 = 30)
<b>3</b>	Interpret Kant's answer to the question "What is Enlightenment?"
<b>4</b>	Briefly explain the phases of a scientific revolution.
<b>5</b>	Explain ethnomethodology.
<b>6</b>	Establish the importance of reflexive sociology
<b>7</b>	Identify the significance of feminist methodologies
SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
	<b>Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.</b> (2 x 12.5 = 25)
<b>8</b>	Critically analyse Comte's Law of three stages
<b>9</b>	Compare and contrast the mind and body considering Descartes' view.
<b>10</b>	Discuss your understanding of interpretive sociology.
<b>11</b>	Illustrate the concept of Orientalism and its importance in understanding cultural hegemony
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
	<b>Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words</b> (1 x 15 = 15)
<b>12</b>	"Sapere Aude" - Elucidate Kant's notion of enlightenment and the barriers to it in terms of the contemporary society with suitable examples.
<b>13</b>	Delineate the objectives and importance of Dalit studies.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
	<b>Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words</b> (1 x 20 = 20)
<b>14</b>	Evaluate how evolution of science is understood by Thomas Kuhn.
<b>15</b>	Symbolic actions express deeper cultural meanings. Justify Geertz's approach of interpreting culture.

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