



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

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PSO2ME01 – URBAN SOCIOLOGY



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 True or False

- Urban sociology gained prominence after industrialization.
- Suburbanization and conurbation represent identical patterns of urban development.
- The Chennai city has separate rule for gated community.
- The Rural-Urban continuum suggests a clear-cut distinction between rural and urban areas.
- Suburbanization is the movement of people from city centers to the outskirts or suburbs.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

- The right to the city - Max Weber
- Urban ecology - Henri Lefebvre
- The city - David Harvey
- Production of space - George Simmel
- Metropolis and Mental life - Robert Park

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Analyze the statement: “The city of the dead antedates the city of the living.”
- Explain the concept of conurbation with examples.
- Apply Max Weber’s theory of the city to contemporary urbanization trends.
- Compare and contrast the concepts of urban neighborhoods and ghettoization.
- Critically assess the Chicago School’s contribution to Urban Sociology.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Summarize Louis Wirth’s essay “Urbanism as a way of life”.
- Explain the key challenges in managing urban spaces.
- Analyze the role of caste in shaping urban spaces and influencing social mobility.
- Evaluate the impact of the informal economy on urban growth and inequality.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words

(1 x 15 = 15)

- Design a policy framework to mitigate the negative effects of ghettoization in urban areas.
- Discuss Georg Simmel’s ‘Metropolis and Mental Life’ and its relevance to contemporary urban experiences.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words

(1 x 20 = 20)

- Compare the aspirations of the urban middle class and the working class.
- “Urban slum development creates an urban hierarchy”. Critically discuss.
