



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY**

**FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025**

**SO 416 – DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL THOUGHT - I**



Date: 28-04-2025

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**SECTION A**

**Answer ANY FOUR of the following**

**4 x 10 = 40 Marks**

1. Explain Auguste Comte's law of three stages.
2. Explain Max Weber's concept of Verstehen and its role in sociological analysis.
3. Discuss the differences between macro-sociological and micro-sociological approaches in Sociology.
4. Examine the theory of evolution by Herbert Spencer.
5. Analyse the relationship between the industrial revolution and enlightenment.
6. Differentiate Sociology from common sense.
7. Explain the importance of sociological theories.
8. Discuss Durkheim's concept of anomie and its relevance in contemporary society.

**SECTION B**

**Answer ANY THREE of the following**

**3 x 20 = 60 Marks**

9. Trace the development of social thought from early philosophical ideas to the emergence of Sociology as a discipline.
10. Discuss the contributions of Auguste Comte to the development of Sociology and the concept of positivism.
11. Explain how Karl Marx viewed class struggle as the driving force of society.
12. Discuss Emile Durkheim's contributions to functionalism, focusing on his theories of social solidarity and collective conscience.
13. Compare and contrast Durkheim's and Weber's approaches to studying society.
14. Discuss the concept of 'rationalization' in Weber's work and its effects on modern society, particularly in relation to capitalism and bureaucracy.

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