



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

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USO 3501 – CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY



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Max. : 100 Marks

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SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
1.	Fill in the blanks	
a)	_____ was the earlier name given to Sociology by Comte.	
b)	_____ was the term used to represent the rich or the "haves" according to Marx.	
c)	The specific individuals that impact a person's life are _____.	
d)	According to Durkheim, Sociology is the study of _____.	
e)	_____ coined and defined the term bureaucracy.	
2.	Answer the following	
a)	Which founder of Sociology believed that changes in society can only be brought about by violent revolutions?	
b)	List any two reasons for the evolution of Sociology.	
c)	What is altruistic suicide?	
d)	What is charismatic authority?	
e)	What is a gesture, according to Mead ?	

SECTION A - K2 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
3.	Define	
a)	Positivism	
b)	Historical Materialism	
c)	Anomie	
d)	Verstehen	
e)	Self	
4.	True or False	
a)	Man is not only a social being, but also a reasoning animal.	
b)	Private property and surplus wealth form the basis of development of class societies.	
c)	Mechanical solidarity is a type of solidarity typical of modern industrial society.	
d)	The ideal types are hypotheses.	
e)	To Mead, the mind is essentially a social phenomenon that develops by coming in contact with others in society.	

SECTION B - K3 (CO2)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.	(2 x 10 = 20)
5.	Discuss the hierarchy of sciences.	
6.	Analyse the impact of alienation on the factory worker.	
7.	'Social facts are external and exercise constraint on the individual'- Evaluate this statement.	
8.	Explain the main characteristic of ideal types.	

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)	
Answer any TWO of the following in 100 words each. (2 x 10 = 20)	
9.	Trace the historical events that led to the development of Sociology as a subject.
10.	How does Marx view religion?
11.	Analyse the law of three stages by Comte.
12.	Highlight the characteristics of mind proposed by Mead.
SECTION D – K5 (CO4)	
Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)	
13.	Highlight the significance of the theory of class struggle by connecting it to Marx's personal life.
14.	'Protestant ethic promotes the spirit of Capitalism' - Substantiate.
SECTION E – K6 (CO5)	
Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)	
15.	Assess the theory of division of labour.
16.	Evaluate Durkheim's sociological explanation to suicide.
