



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2025

USO 4501 – CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY



Date: 24-04-2025

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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 the origin of the critical school and its impact on Sociology.
2. Describe the significance of the questions raised by holocaust in modern social theory.
3. Differentiate between latent and manifest functions.
4. Explain the AGIL model.
5. Illustrate your understanding of liquid modernity.
6. Write a note on the theoretical framework of ethnomethodology.
7. Elaborate your understanding of communicative action.
8. Describe Beck's understanding of the 'Risk Society'.

SECTION B

Answer ANY THREE of the following

3 x 20 = 60 Marks

9. Write an essay on the theoretical framework of structural functionalism.
10. Discuss the significance of public sphere in modernity.
11. Write an essay on Bourdieu's understanding of capital and its forms.
12. Evaluate Talcott Parsons contribution to Sociology.
13. Summarize and critique Goffman's contribution to sociological theory.
14. Illustrate the transformation of discipline in modernity with the example of the panopticon
