



# PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

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## Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date: 08-10-2025

Time: 02.00pm to 03.30pm

<b>School:</b> SOL	<b>Program:</b> BA LLB (Honors)	
<b>Course Code:</b> BAL2007	<b>Course Name:</b> Introduction To Sociology	
<b>Semester:</b> III	<b>Max Marks:</b> 50	<b>Weightage:</b> 25%

CO - Levels	C01	C02	C03	C04	C05
<b>Marks</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>			

### Instructions:

- Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

### Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

5Q x 2M=10M

1	What is sociology and what is its subject matter?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2	Identify the characteristics that distinguish sociology from other social sciences.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3	Define mechanical solidarity.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
4	List and define the common methods used in quantitative methodology.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
5	Differentiate between confirmation and verification.	2 Marks	L1	CO1

### Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	Explain the scope of sociology with examples.	10 Marks	L1	CO1
Or				
7.	What is the Structural-Functional theory? Explain its key features with suitable illustrations.	10 Marks	L1	CO1

8.	<b>How does Max Weber's study on the Protestant ethic illustrate the necessity of interpretive understanding in sociology?</b>	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
<b>Or</b>				
9.	Explain the strengths and weaknesses of Talcott Parsons' functionalism.	10 Marks	L2	CO 2

10.	<p>Scenario: In recent years, urban India has seen a sharp rise in gig economy workers (delivery partners, ride-hailing drivers, online freelancers). Reports highlight challenges such as job insecurity, lack of social security, and the blurring of work–life boundaries.</p> <p>Question: Formulate a research problem in sociology around this issue and evaluate whether it is best studied using qualitative or quantitative methodology. Explain and justify your choice with reference to the nature of data required.</p>	10 Marks (3+3+4)	L3	CO 2
<b>Or</b>				
11.	<p>Scenario: In a sociology seminar, students debate whether classical thinkers are still relevant today. One group argues that Auguste Comte's ideas—like the Law of Three Stages and positivism—laid the scientific foundation of sociology, while another group counters that his ideas are outdated in a postmodern, globalized world that emphasizes diversity and subjectivity.</p> <p>Question: Critically examine Comte's major contributions—such as the Law of Three Stages and the doctrine of positivism. To what extent are Comte's ideas still relevant to contemporary sociology?</p>	10 Marks (5+5)	L3	CO 2

12.	The scientific status of sociology has been a matter of debate since its inception. Critically examine the methodologies employed in sociology, comparing their similarities and differences with the methods of natural sciences. To what extent can sociology be regarded as a scientific discipline in light of these methodological debates?	10 Marks 3+3+4)	L4	CO 2
<b>Or</b>				
13.	Analyze Émile Durkheim's contribution to structural-function theory and positive methodology.	10 Marks	L4	CO 2