



Roll No																			
---------	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY
BENGALURU**

SCHOOL OF LAW

MID TERM EXAMINATION

Winter Semester: 2021 - 22

Course Code: BAL2008

Course Name: Sociological Theories

Program & Sem: BA.LLB & II

Date: 10/May/2022

Time: 01:30 PM – 03:00 PM

Max Marks: 50

Weightage: 25 %

Instructions:

(i) Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.

Part A [Memory Recall Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries TWO marks.

(5Qx 2M= 10M)

1. According to w_____ social theorist, social theory is a “basic survival skill”. When it is done well, by whomever, it can be a source of _____. (C.O.01) [Knowledge]
2. Lafayette, age ten, said: “If I grow up, I want to be a bus driver.” Which word is significant in Lafayette’s statement? Who is the author of the book *There are no Children Here*. (C.O.01) [Knowledge]
3. Everything social was pressed under the “general _____ of centuries of growth.” For at least five hundred years, social life in these villages remained much the same. Hence, we have Max Weber’s eloquent definition of traditional values as those adhering to the _____. (C.O.01) [Knowledge]
4. According to Lemert, in the “new world order”: (1) critical thinking among people is high and (2) critical thinking is no longer associated with elites. (C.O.01) [Knowledge]
 - a. Both (1) and (2) are true
 - b. Both (1) and (2) are false
 - c. (1) is true and (2) is false
 - d. (1) is false and (2) is true
5. *The _____ Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* is a famous book written by _____ which has contributed mightily to the myth of the superiority of Western rationality over Eastern traditionalism. (C.O.01) [Knowledge]

Part B [Thought Provoking Questions]

Answer any TWO of the Questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (2Qx10M=20M)

6. Weber characterized the social and historical sciences as cultural sciences and he presented his own methodological instrument, the ideal type, as a way of making sense of the infinite diversity of empirical reality. Explain this statement with an example and critically think about how historians write history. (C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]
7. What is the influence of religion on everyday economic life? Which famous social theorist attempted to answer this question and how? Do you agree/disagree with the theorist and why? (C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]
8. Social theory is a “survival skill” and sometimes is “hidden”. Why is social theory survival and Clarify this statement with examples. (C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]

Part C [Problem Solving Questions]

Answer any TWO of the Questions. Each question carries TEN marks. (2Qx10M=20M)

9. Meher wants to obtain the highest marks in class while, Dhania is hoping to pass so that she is eligible for the next semester. In this regard both are studying hard for the examinations. Apply the concept of social action and classify Meher and Dhania’s actions. Which sociologist divided social actions into four types? Name and define the four categories of social action. (C.O.No.1) [Application]
10. Emily is a sociologist who is attempting to study how courts operate in India. To conduct her research, she chooses Bengaluru as her base and focuses on studying the High Court. Apply the concept of ideal type proposed by Max Weber and explain how the ideal type is useful for Emily’s research. (C.O.No.1) [Application]
11. A group of 15 students have been divided into 3 groups for an assignment. Each group is supposed to have a leader and the students have the freedom to choose a team leader. Group A holds a discussion and decides to vote between two students and through the procedure of voting, select their leader. Group B decides that the one student is very popular and liked by many hence, chooses this student as a leader. In group C a student appoints oneself as a leader because they have always been a leader in group projects and argues it’s an inheritance which other students must obey. Operationalize the concept of authority given by Max Weber to classify the three types of leaders. (C.O.No.1) [Application]



**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY
BENGALURU**

SCHOOL OF LAW

END TERM EXAMINATION

Winter Semester: 2021 - 22

Course Code: BAL2008

Course Name: Sociological Theories

Program & Sem: BA.LLB Honours & II Sem

Date: 29th June 2022

Time: 01:00 PM to 04:00 PM

Max Marks: 100

Weightage: 50%

Instructions:

(ii) Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.

Part A [Memory Recall Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries THREE marks.

(10Qx 3M= 30M)

12. W.E.B Du Bois coined the _____ concept to explain how the colour of your skin impacts your social identity and social experience. This concept is also called _____ consciousness. (C.O.01) [Knowledge]
13. What you have and what you know, is _____ capital. It was proposed by _____. (C.O.03) [Knowledge]
14. _____ American Civil-Rights Activist figure delivered the now famous speech that began with the phrase "I have a dream..." Name the American President who helped the activist to be freed from arrest. (C.O.02) [Knowledge]
15. Which African-American writer penned a personal story of harassment in a dramatically different way which showed she held the "upper-hand" over Mrs. Flint, her mistress? Did the author live in a plantation or little town? (C.O.04) [Knowledge]
16. In his book *The Chaneysville Incident* (1981), David Bradley explains how social theory: (C.O.01) [Knowledge]
 - a) Lies in history
 - b) Requires understanding social class, gender, age and race
 - c) Is learnt in childhood
 - d) Lies in understanding the insignificant and mundane
17. Jaques Derrida initiated a new theoretical movement called poststructuralism in which the practice known as _____ became popular. The practice held that every idea has a _____ and periphery. (C.O.04) [Knowledge]
18. Gloria Anzaldua, in her book *Borderlands/La Frontera* (1987), proposed the theory of the new mestiza/border which described the process of rediscovering the past in the present life in the cultural and political borderland between which two countries? (C.O.02) [Knowledge]
19. Marx denotes land, animals, tools, machinery etc. are examples of: (C.O.02) [Knowledge]
 - a) Mode of production
 - b) Forces of production
 - c) Means of production
 - d) Relations of production
20. Name the three features of the public sphere given by Habermas? (C.O.03) [Knowledge]

21. According to Marx, the capacity to do a useful work that increases the value of the products is called (C.O.02) [Knowledge]
- a) Surplus value
 - b) Capital value
 - c) Labour value
 - d) Exploitation

Part B [Thought Provoking Questions]

Answer all the Questions. Each question carries EIGHT marks.

(5Qx8M=40M)

22. What is the relevance of Marxism today? Analyse using Marx's concepts of commodity fetishism and estranged labour. (C.O.02) [Comprehension]
23. Explain with examples the two features of social facts given by Emile Durkheim. (C.O.03) [Comprehension]
24. Explain Gayatri Spivak's approach to feminism. Does she think patriarchy is an outdated concept? Explain with examples. (C.O.04) [Comprehension]
25. *It is a peculiar sensation, this _____, this sense of always looking at one's self through the eyes of others, of measuring one's soul by the tape of a world that looks on in amused contempt and pity. One ever feels his twoness—an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideas in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder.* What concept is being described here? Explain the concept introduced by W.E.B Du Bois with examples from the Indian context. (C.O.No.1) [Comprehension]
26. How does Durkheim define religion? According to him which two aspects are integral to religion? (C.O.03) [Comprehension]

Part C [Problem Solving Questions]

Answer both the Questions. Each question carries FIFTEEN marks.

(2Qx15M=30M)

27. A furniture store is run by a team of 6 people. Apart from the 6 employees there exists one manager and assistant manager. The employees all report to the assistant manager who ensures tasks are completed on time and deadlines are met. The employees each have a specialized role: one looks at home furnishings department, the other at office furniture department, one is focused on sales of both departments, one each looks after the detailed sales in each department, and one looks after security of the store. Operationalize the concept of bureaucracy to explain how the furniture store functions. (C.O.No.2) [Application]
28. Dhruv has recently graduated from a prestigious university with a degree in law. Given his fluency in foreign languages he was chosen to represent the University for a major debate event and won. Hence, he was gifted an expensive car by his parents. He was the head of several clubs at the University and therefore, was popular. Dhruv also is very good at statistics and hence, wants to pursue a further degree in trade related laws in USA. In context of the given information, classify the types of capital Dhruv is said to possess. What does Pierre Bourdieu say about capital that is different from Marx? (C.O.No.4) [Application]