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## M.A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

SEMESTER -1: SOCIOLOGY
COURSE: 15P1SOCT02: CONTEMPORARY THEORY 1
(Common for Regular 2017 Admission \& Supplementary 2016 \& 2015 Admissions)
Time: Three Hours
Max. Marks: 75
PART A
Answer any Eight questions of 2 marks each

1. How do sociologists define social reality?
2. What is social action?
3. Social system.
4. Define functional imperatives.
5. Define grand theory.
6. Neo-functinalism.
7. Define mind according to interactionist perspective.
8. Define class in Weberian perspective.
9. Rational action.
10. Define authority.

## PART B <br> Answer any Seven questions of 5 marks each.

11. What is the significance of sociological theories?
12. Distinguish between social theory and sociological theory.
13. Briefly discuss the functioning of social system in Parsonian view.
14. Examine the functions of conflict according to Lewis A Coser
15. Explain the theories of the middle range.
16. Explain Symbolic interactionism by Herbert Blumer
17. Describe neo Functionalism of Jeffrey C Alexander
18. Discuss C.H.Cooley's contributions on the theory of looking glass self
19. Give a brief account of dramaturgical analysis of Erving Goffman?
20. Describe the significance of conflict perspectives in sociology.

## PART C

Answer any Two questions of 12 marks each.
21. Give a historical sketch on the origin and development of Sociological Theory.
22. Discuss Robert K Merton's contributions on empirical functionalism.
23. Explain relationship between the contributions of Mead and Blumer on Symbolic Interactionism
24. Write an essay on conflict theories.
(12 $\times 2=24$ )

