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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.  $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

### **PART B**

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.

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$ 

### 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.  $(12 \times 2 = 24)$

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