# M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - NOVEMBER 2016

# SEMESTER - 1: SOCIOLOGY

# COURSE: 15P1SOCT02-: CONTEMPORARY THEORY 1

(Common for Regular - 2016 Admission & Supplementary - 2015 Admission) Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

#### PART A

#### (Answer any eight questions of 2 marks each)

- 1. What is meant by Anomie?
- 2. Explain the concept of Grand theory.
- 3. Examine AGIL Scheme.
- 4. What are the basic elements of Sociological theory?
- 5. Define Goffman's Mystification.
- 6. Explain Marx's Economic Determinism.
- 7. Define Social Stratification.
- 8. What is Neo-functionalism?
- 9. What is meant by 'Generalized Other'?
- 10. Define Parsons' Social Action.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

# PART B

#### (Answer any seven questions of 5 marks each)

- 11. Describe Merton's Functional strategy
- 12. Explain symbolic Interactionism.
- 13. Describe the development of self by Mead
- 14. Examine the concept of Empirical Functionalism
- 15. Elucidate the different types of Sociological theory.
- 16. Explain the relation between theory and social reality.
- 17. Examine the duration of conflict by Lewis A. Coser
- 18. Explain the theory of 'Looking Glass Self'.
- 19. Explain briefly the historical emergence of sociological theory.
- 20. Explain the different types of action by Talcott Parsons.

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$ 

# PART C

#### (Answer any two questions of 12 marks each)

- 21. Describe the Dramaturgical perspective of Erving Goffman.
- 22. Examine the theoretical contributions of Ralf Dahrendorf.
- 23. Compare and contrast the contributions of Alexander and Luhmann to Neofunctonalism.
- 24. Examine Randall Collins' Conflict perspective.

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 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$