

**B.A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- OCTOBER 2025****SEMESTER 3 : SOCIOLOGY****COURSE : 19U3CRSOC3 : FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT***(For Improvement / Supplementary 2023/ 2022/ 2021/2020/2019 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**PART A****Answer any 10 (3 marks each)**

1. Write a note on Emile Durkheim.
2. Explain impersonal relationships in bureaucratic organisations.
3. What do you mean by 'Social organism'?
4. What is meant by collective conscience?
5. Explain Empiricism
6. Explain Affective action
7. What is Social thought?
8. In what way explanation of a phenomenon in Theological stage is different from Meta-physical stage?
9. What do you mean by functional differentiation?
10. Define Division of labour
11. Who is the author of The Protestant Ethics and Spirit of Capitalism and what does the book imply?
12. What is meant by Speculative theory?
13. What are the different types of social order associated with different stages of progress according to Comte?
14. Explain French Revolution.
15. How does Weber define sociology?

**(3 x 10 = 30)****PART B****Answer any 5 (5 marks each)**

16. Explain micro theory by highlighting its characteristics
17. Explain the relation between social philosophy and sociology
18. What are the major rules for observing social facts?
19. "Red tapism is a major drawback of bureaucracy". Comment.
20. Discuss the features of mechanical solidarity
21. Illustrate Comte's theoretical contribution of Classification of Sciences
22. What are your suggestions to resolve the problems of bureaucracy?

**(5 x 5 = 25)****PART C****Answer any 2 (10 marks each)**

23. "Sociology is the interpretive understanding of social action". Examine the statement in the light of Weber's view point.
24. Analyse the increasing trends of suicide in Kerala in the light of the theoretical framework of Durkheim.

25. 'The study of social statics and social dynamics are the twin pillars of Comte's systems'  
Justify
26. Discuss the historical background of the development of sociological theories **(10 x 2 = 20)**