

**M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2026****SEMESTER 2 : SOCIOLOGY****COURSE : 24P2SOCT06 : MODERN THEORETICAL APPROACHES IN SOCIOLOGY***(For Improvement/Supplementary 2024/2023/2022/2021 Admissions)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Weights: 30

**PART A****Answer any 8 questions****Weight: 1**

- |     |   |                                  |
|-----|---|----------------------------------|
| 1.  | Define Functionalism.   | (U, CO 1, CO<br>2)               |
| 2.  | Compare and Contrast between Chicago and Frankfurt school of Thought.   | (E, CO 3, CO<br>4)               |
| 3.  | How is functionalism different from conflict theory?                    | (U, CO 1, CO<br>2)               |
| 4.  | What are dysfunctions?  | (An)                             |
| 5.  | What are extrinsic rewards?   | (U, CO 1, CO<br>2)               |
| 6.  | Which is the most important form of ISA according to Althusser and Why? | (E, CO 2)                        |
| 7.  | What is Metaphysics?  | (U, CO 1, CO<br>2)               |
| 8.  | What is a personal front?   | (U, CO 1, CO<br>2)               |
| 9.  | What is Capital and its different types?                                | (U, CO 1, CO<br>2)               |
| 10. | What are the three different types of Cost according to Blau?           | (An, CO 2)<br><b>(1 x 8 = 8)</b> |

**PART B****Answer any 6 questions****Weights: 2**

- |     |  |                                   |
|-----|--|-----------------------------------|
| 11. | How did Critical Theory criticised Modern Society? Elaborate.  | (E, CO 3, CO<br>4)                |
| 12. | Elaborate on the concept of Suffering and Happiness according to Horkheimer.                                 | (An)                              |
| 13. | Write a note on the functions of Conflict of Coser.  | (E, CO 2, CO<br>3)                |
| 14. | Briefly explain the paradigms for functional analysis according to Merton.                                   | (An, CO 3, CO<br>4)               |
| 15. | What is the difference between conflict and consensus theory?  | (An, CO 2)                        |
| 16. | How does intersubjectivity contribute to the development of social solidarity and cohesion within community. | (E, CO 3, CO<br>4)                |
| 17. | Explain the different principles of power according to Peter M Blau in an exchange process.                  | (An, CO 3, CO<br>4)               |
| 18. | Elaborate on the contributions of Radcliff Brown.  | (An, CO 4)<br><b>(2 x 6 = 12)</b> |

**PART C**  
**Answer any 2 questions**

**Weights: 5**

- |     |   |                     |
|-----|---|---------------------|
| 19. | Elaborate on the contributions of Lewis Coser being a conflict theorist.              | (An, CO 4)          |
| 20. | Explain Communicative Action Theory of Habermas.                                      | (E)                 |
| 21. | Explain core principles of Phenomenology and how they are applied in social research. | (An, CO 3)          |
| 22. | Elaborate on the theory of structural functionalism.                                  | (An)                |
|     |   | <b>(5 x 2 = 10)</b> |

OBE: Questions to Course Outcome Mapping

CO	Course Outcome Description	CL	Questions	Total Wt.
CO 1	Familiarize with the distinction between Modern and conventional domains of Sociological theory and with the emerging currents of Social theory	R	1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9	6
CO 2	Develop an understanding on structural functional and conflict perspectives in sociological theory	U	1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15	12
CO 3	Internalize the need of approaches, paradigms and perspectives in understanding the functioning of society	An	2, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21	16
CO 4	Appraise the Interpretative approaches in sociology and neo Marxian theories	A	2, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19	16

Cognitive Level (CL): Cr - CREATE; E - EVALUATE; An - ANALYZE; A - APPLY; U - UNDERSTAND; R - REMEMBER;