



UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB

Roll No.

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PAPER: Contemporary Sociological Theory
Course Code: SOC-204 / SOC-22435

TIME ALLOWED: 30 mins.
MAX. MARKS: 10

Attempt this Paper on this Question Sheet only.

Objective Type

(Marks-10)

A. Encircle the most appropriate answer

1. According to the critical theorist, what does culture displace as the most important aspect of society?
A) The Economy B) Family
C) Industry D) The state
2. Thinking based on instrumental rationality criteria is:
A) Democratic B) Critical
C) Plutocratic D) Technocratic
3. According to Habermas, the most urgent dilemma of the contemporary world is the _____ is being colonized by the _____.
A) System; life world B) Habitus; field
C) Life-world; system D) field; habitus
4. Fordism is a technique of:
A) Craft Production B) Automobile production
C) Mass Production D) Reason
5. Which of the following is NOT a component of formal rationality?
A) Efficiency B) Predictability
C) Quantifiability D) Adaptability
6. Specialized production for niche markets is sometimes referred to as:
A) McDonalidization B) Taylorization
C) Fordism D) Sneakerization
7. According to George Ritzer, the credit card is an example of the McDonalidization of modern consumption practices.
A) True B) False
8. Risk is an element of:
A) Traditional societies B) Modern society
C) Peripheral states D) McDonalidization
9. Efficiency, predictability, calculability, and control are qualities of:
A) Post- Fordism B) Modernity
C) The system D) Evolution
10. _____ is the term used to describe the growing international influence of a particular culture.
A) Glocalization B) Globalism
C) Cultural Imperialism D) Hybridization



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Part – B (Subjective)

(5x4=20)

Define the following terms

- i) Definition of situation
- ii) Anomie by R.K Merton
- iii) Dyed and Triad
- iv) Self
- v) phenomenology

Part – C

Attempt following questions

(10x3=30)

1. 'Life world' is a concept discussed by Habermas. Please elaborate how he views modern society with the reference to this context
2. Discuss AGIL by Talcott Parsons
3. What are the major factors involved in the development of Contemporary sociological theory?



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Please encircle the correct option. Each MCQ carries 1 Mark. This Paper will be collected back after expiry of time limit mentioned above.

Q. 1 1- Jurgen Habbermas opposed the view that political and social world is constructed and that ideas and discourses matter in shaping the world (1x10=10)

a) False

b) True

2- Which of the following thinkers have inspired the post structuralist authors?

a) Foucault

b) Bordieu

c) Habbermas

d) All of the above

3- According to C.W. Mills, the Sociological Imagination refers to the ability to recognize the relationship between _____ troubles and _____ issues.

a) personal, public

b) public, personal

c) national, regional

d) ethnic, personal

4- Which of the following influenced the theoretical approach known as Symbolic Interactionism?

a) Gerge Hegel

b) George Herbert Mead

c) Talcott Parson

d) Ralph Dahrendorf

5- Merton's term for the hidden or forgotten reason for a particular behavior was _____.

a) Middle-range function

b) Consumption function

c) Latent function

d) Manifest function

(P.T.O.)

6- Which of the following is NOT associated with Functionalism?

- a) Talcott Parson
- b) Ralf Dahrendorf
- c) R.K. Merton
- d) Emile Durkheim

7- The first thing the MacDonalizing society emphasizes is _____

- a) Availability of fast food
- b) Efficiency
- c) Mass production
- d) Control

8- The basic aim of feminist theory is to understand _____

- a) Root of gender inequality in education
- b) Gender Role
- c) Women's right
- d) Women's role in society

9- Innovation is a type of deviance explained by Merton which has _____ culturally defined goals and _____ institutionalized means.

- a) Rejected, approved
- b) Approved, Rejected
- c) Approved, Approved
- d) Rejected, Rejected

10- Thorstein Veblen's general concern throughout his career was the _____

- a) Conflict between institutions and norms
- b) Conflict between state and the religion
- c) Conflict between Business and Industry
- d) Conflict between the Burguiose and the proletariats



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Q. 2: Define the following items.

(4x5=20)

- i. Objective Culture by George Simmel
- ii. Sociological Imagination by C.W. Mills
- iii. AGIL by Talcott Parson
- iv. Anomie by Merton

Q. 3: Attempt the following questions.

(10x3=30)

- i. Write down the main assumptions of critical theory. Explain "Life World" in context of the modern society, as elaborated by Habermas.
- ii. How the work of Ralph Dahrendorf shows the picture of modern conflict theory moving away from the basic economic determinism of Karl Marx.
- iii. What are the major factors involved in the development of Contemporary sociological theory?



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Division of marks is given in front of each question.

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Q.1. Encircle the right answer cutting and overwriting is not allowed. (10x1=10)

- i- Individual/ Subjective culture is the capacity of the actor to _____
 - a) Produce objects of art, knowledge of science or of philosophy etc.
 - b) Produce, absorb and control the elements of objective culture.
 - c) Produce multi-causal, multidirectional facts and values.
 - d) Produce the subjective reality of the actor.

- ii- Charles Horton Cooley is known for the idea _____
 - a) Class conflict
 - b) Looking Glass Self
 - c) Micro-macro Integration
 - d) Social Solidarity

- iii- 'Archeology of Knowledge' is a key theoretical idea of _____
 - a) Anthony Giddens.
 - b) Alfred Schutz.
 - c) Antonio Gramsci
 - d) Michel Foucault

- iv- Talcott Parson is known as _____
 - a) Structural-Functionalist
 - b) Micro-Macro Structuralist.
 - c) Agency-Structure Determinist
 - d) Proponent of the Chicago School.

- v- _____ is also known as a radical sociologist.
 - a) Herbert Spencer.
 - b) Talcott Parson
 - c) George Homans
 - d) C.W.Mills

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- vi- Conflict theory emerged as a _____.
- a) critique of feminist theory.
 - b) alternative to Anthony Giddens's Structuration theory.
 - c) alternative to Structure-Functionalism
 - e) Critique of Postmodernism
- vii- Ethnomethodology is known as _____.
- a) Sociology of everyday life.
 - b) Sociology of functioning of human mind.
 - c) Fusion of Marx and Weber.
 - d) Analysis of the Postmodernism.
- viii- The Feminist theory looks at the world as _____.
- a) With great contempt.
 - b) From the vantage points of women.
 - c) From the vantage points of deep structures of the mind.
 - d) From the most Weberian point of view.
- ix- Talcott Parsons can primarily be defined as a Marxist sociologist.
- a) True
 - b) False
- x- Post modernists embrace grand narratives.
- a) True
 - b) False



ATTEMPT THIS (SUBJECTIVE) ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED

Q.2. Explain the following terms:

(4x5=20)

- 1- AGIL by Talcott Parson
- 2- Breaching Experiment
- 3- Manifest function & Latent function
- 4- Sociological Imagination

Q.3. Briefly answer the following questions.

(2x15=30)

- 1- Explain Georg Simmel's Theory of Philosophy of Money. Elaborate how money plays a role in defining different norms and individual behaviours within society?
- 2- Write a brief note on Structural Transformation in Public Sphere by Jurgen Habermas.



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B) philosophy
C) reason
D) technocratic
4. Fordism is a technique of:
A) Craft production
B) Mass production
C) Automobile production
D) Reason
5. Post-Fordist workers are:
A) Exploited
B) Experienced
C) Specialized and skillful
D) Tasteful
6. Specialized production for niche markets is sometimes referred to as:
A) McDonaldization
B) Fordism
C) Taylorization
D) Sneakerization
7. The rich industrial center of the world economy is the:
A) Core
B) Periphery
C) Semi-periphery
D) Heartland
8. Risk is an element of:
A) traditional societies
B) peripheral states
C) modern society
D) core states
9. Efficiency, predictability, calculability, and control are qualities of:
A) Post-Fordism.
B) The system
C) Modernity
D) McDonaldization
10. The spread of McDonald's across the globe is an example of:
A) homogenization
B) diversification
C) hybridization
D) evolution



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Part-B (Subjective)

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(2*10)

- i. Looking Glass self
- ii. Ethnomethodology
- iii. Social System
- iv. Symbolic interactionism
- v. Conspicuous consumption

Part-C

Attempt following questions.

(10*3)

1. Tragedy of culture is one of the most famous works of George Simmel's grand theory. Explain the concept by focusing on objective culture and its increasing predominance over individual culture.
2. What are the major factors involved in the development of Contemporary sociological theory?
3. Discuss AGIL by Talcott Parsons