

2017
(4th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

Paper No. : Soc-401

(**Modern Sociological Theories**)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 45)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. (a) Discuss the concept of social structure
in the light of A. R. Radcliffe-Brown. 9

Or

(b) Differentiate between science and
society in the context of A. R. Radcliffe-
Brown. 9

2. (a) Critically evaluate Malinowski's theory
of needs. 9

Or

(b) How does Malinowski differentiate
between magic and science? Explain. 9

(Turn Over)

3. (a) What do you understand by the term 'pattern variables'? Explain. 9

Or

- (b) Discuss Talcott Parsons AGIL paradigm. 9

4. (a) What is function? Elaborate manifest and latent functions in the light of R. K. Merton. 2+7=9

Or

- (b) Discuss the reference group as given by R. K. Merton. 9

5. (a) Explain the sociological imagination of C. Wright Mills. 9

Or

- (b) Discuss the power elite theory of C. Wright Mills. 9

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

(Marks : 10)

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. A. R. Radcliffe-Brown was a/an _____ social anthropologist.

(a) French ()

(b) Australian ()

(c) English ()

(d) American ()

2. According to Brown, person to person relationship is called

- (a) dyadic relationship ()
- (b) thematic relationship ()
- (c) synchronic relationship ()
- (d) symbolic relationship ()

3. The basic need as given by Malinowski is

- (a) movement ()
- (b) socialization ()
- (c) economics ()
- (d) care of children ()

4. The book, *Sociological Theory and Modern Society* was written by

- (a) A. R. Radcliffe-Brown ()
- (b) Talcott Parsons ()
- (c) Malinowski ()
- (d) R. K. Merton ()

(3)

5. Who among the following studied Trobriand Islanders through the method of fieldwork?
- (a) A. R. Radcliffe-Brown ()
 - (b) Malinowski ()
 - (c) W. H. R. Rivers ()
 - (d) Morgan ()
6. The dilemma of role performance where evaluation is involved in relation to a situation is
- (a) ascription vs. achievement ()
 - (b) specificity vs. diffuseness ()
 - (c) affectivity vs. affective neutrality ()
 - (d) self-orientation vs. collectivity
orientation ()
7. Incest taboos are expected to prevent biological degeneration. It is an example of
- (a) latent function ()
 - (b) manifest function ()
 - (c) dysfunction ()
 - (d) malfunction ()

8. Who said, "Groups which serve as points of comparison are known as reference groups"?

(a) W. G. Sumner ()

(b) Ogburn and Nimkoff ()

(c) R. K. Merton ()

(d) Kingsley Davis ()

9. Mills argues that sociological imagination allows people to understand their private troubles in terms of

(a) individual issues ()

(b) human issues ()

(c) public issues ()

(d) general issues ()

10. C. Wright Mills was of that power elites represent their

(a) society's interest ()

(b) self-interest ()

(c) group interest ()

(d) own interest ()

(5)

SECTION—II

(Marks : 5)

Indicate whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. Radcliffe-Brown has often been associated with functionalism.

(T / F)

2. Societies are integrated whole whose cultural domains are interrelated.

(T / F)

3. Talcott Parsons identified five general functional requirements.

(T / F)

4. According to Malinowski, magic and religion do not belong to the area of sacred and are born and function amidst emotional tension.

(T / F)

5. A reference group is a concept referring to a group to which an individual or another group is compared.

(T / F)

(6)

SECTION—III

(Marks : 10)

Answer the following (any five) : $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. Explain Brown's structural functionalism with examples.

(7)

2. Explain Malinowski's view on religion.

(8)

3. What is universalism vs. particularism?

4. What are functions and dysfunctions?

(10)

5. Mention any two important characteristics of reference group.

6. How can we apply the concepts of sociological imagination to any behaviour?

(12)

7. Write a short note on power elites.

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