

2007

SOCIOLOGY

PAPER—I

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

Illustrate the answers whenever necessary

Write the answers Questions of each HALF in separate books

FIRST HALF

Answer Q. No. 5 and any two from the rest

1. Critically examine Durkheim's theory of suicide. Why did Durkheim call suicide a social fact? 15
2. How did Simmel analyse the impact of money in 'The Philosophy of Money'? 15
3. What is bureaucracy? Discuss with examples Max Weber's theory of bureaucracy. 15

4. Write a note on Comte's theory of Hierarchy of sciences. 15

5. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions: 5×4

(a) What is positivism?

(b) What, according to Durkheim, is the importance of division of labour in society?

(c) Examine the importance of 'Verstehen' in Weber's Sociology.

(d) How, according to Weber, does Protestantism encourage the rise of capitalism?

(e) What is formal sociology?

(f) Point out the importance of industrial revolution in the development of sociology.

(g) How does Comte distinguish between Social statics and Social dynamics?

SECOND HALF

Answer Q. No. 10 and any *two* from the rest

6. Discuss, in brief, the socio-historical and intellectual roots of Marxism. 15

7. Write a brief note on Marx's concept of alienation. In what sense it may be regarded as a central theme in Marx's social theory? 15
8. Give an outline of the main features of the Frankfurt school and assess its contribution to the development of critical social theory. 15
9. Attempt a critique of Bukharin's views on the practical importance of social science from the proletarian standpoint. 15
10. Answer, in brief, any *four* of the following questions: 5x4
- (a) What is meant by dialectical leap?
 - (b) How would you define class from a Marxist standpoint?
 - (c) What do you mean by relative autonomy of the superstructure?
 - (d) Write a note on the Positivist views of Sociology.
 - (e) Indicate the major propositions of Revisionist critique of Marxism.

(f) Discuss the basic features of Karl Korsch's views on Marxism.

(g) What is the meaning of 'One-dimensional man' in Marcuse's thinking?
