

M.Phil 1st Semester Examination, 2019

SOCIOLOGY

PAPER – SOC-113

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

Answer all questions

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 wherever necessary

1. Answer any *two* of the following : 10 × 2
- (a) Discuss how Peter Berger and Thomas Luckmann presented that everyday reality is socially constructed by human interaction. 10

(Turn Over)

- (b) Explain the processes and principles underlying the combining of qualitative and quantitative methods? 10
- (c) Critically discuss the concept of paradigm and paradigm shift. 10
- (d) Conceptualize a sociological problem. choose any sociological research design. Answer the following questions :
- (i) Define the concept and state your research questions.
- (ii) What variables you would test and which is the dependent and which is the independent variable ?
- (iii) Do you have a research hypothesis? If so, state it.
- (iv) How will you ensure that your study is valid? 3 + 3 + 2 + 2

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 5 × 4

- (a) What do you understand by nature of reality ?

- (b) Write a brief note on the epistemological and ontological orientation between quantitative and qualitative research strategies.
- (c) What are the three salient individual level theses in Peter Winch's book, 'The Idea of a social science' ?
- (d) What is the science of logic and how can we distinguish between formal and material logic ?
- (e) Briefly write on Comte's contribution of the epistemological position of the natural science.
- (f) What are the ethical issues that a researcher must keep in mind while doing research ?

[*Internal Assessment*—10 Marks]
