

2025

(4th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

Paper : Soc-401

(Modern Sociological Thinkers)

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. Give a brief description about Radcliffe-Brown's life-sketch. Explain the social structure of Radcliffe Brown. 4+5=9

Or

Critically evaluate Radcliffe-Brown's science and society. 9

2. Explain the background of Malinowski's theory of needs. 9

Or

Discuss magic and science of Malinowski. 9

3. Critically analyse Talcott Parsons' conception of 'Pattern variables'. 9

Or

Explain the concept of AGIL paradigm of Parsons. What is cognitive consonance between 'pattern variables' and 'paradigm'?

6+3=9

4. Discuss the role of latent functions in relation to manifest functions as given by R. K. Merton. 9

Or

Explain R. K. Merton's Reference group theory.

5. Give an account of Mills sociological imagination. 9

Or

Discuss Mills concept of power elite theory. How is it relevant in the present society?

6+3=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. Who believed 'the comparative method' as the only one method of social anthropology?

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

2. Caste system in India is an example of

- (a) universalism ()
- (b) ascribed ()
- (c) collectivity ()
- (d) achieved ()

3. Who wrote *The Sociology of Science* 1973?

- (a) Talcott Parsons ()
- (b) C. Wright Mills ()
- (c) Edmund Leach ()
- (d) R. K. Merton ()

4. Which of the following statements comes closest to Malinowski's understanding of the preliterate society?

- (a) Religion, magic and science are incompatible with each other. ()
- (b) Religion, magic and science are integral parts of the preliterate society. ()
- (c) Magic and religion have no objective consequences since they are purely imaginary. ()
- (d) Science plays no part in the lives of preliterate people. ()

5. Latent function(s) is/are

- (a) intended and recognised by the participants in the system ()
- (b) unrecognised and unintended functions ()
- (c) ascribed and achieved ()
- (d) particularism ()

6. *The Structure of Social Action*, 1937 was the work of

- (a) G. H. Mead ()
- (b) Herbert Blumer ()
- (c) Talcott Parsons ()
- (d) Smelser ()

7. The sociological imagination

- (a) focuses on the distinction between world history and world culture ()
- (b) is the ability to construct fictional stories from events in our lives ()
- (c) results in anomie ()
- (d) recognises the interdependent relationship between individuals and social form ()

(4)

8. Who among the following writes about Solidarity of the Sibling Group?

- (a) A. R. Radcliffe-Brown ()
- (b) Raymond Firth ()
- (c) Emile Durkheim ()
- (d) Evans-Pritchard ()

9. C. Wright Mills *The Power Elite* 1956, offered a general analysis of elites in

- (a) underdeveloped societies ()
- (b) developed capitalism of the USA ()
- (c) developing societies like India ()
- (d) All of the above ()

10. Talcott Parsons wrote *The Social System* in the year

- (a) 1953 ()
- (b) 1957 ()
- (c) 1951 ()
- (d) 1926 ()

(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. A. R. Radcliffe-Brown conducted research in the Trobriand Islands.

(T / F)

2. Sociological imagination refers to the ability to understand larger social factors or forces.

(T / F)

3. Affectivity signifies emotional neutrality or detachment.

(T / F)

4. Merton introduced the concept of 'anticipatory socialization'.

(T / F)

5. Integrative needs include intellectual, emotional and pragmatic control over destiny and chance.

(T / F)

SECTION—III

(Marks : 10)

Answer/Write on any *five* of the following : $2 \times 5 = 10$

1. Functions of social structure by Radcliffe-Brown

2. Derived needs of Malinowski

(8)

3. Concept of sociological imagination

(Marks : 10)

Answer/Write on any five of the following : 2x5=10

1. Functions of social structure by Radcliffe-Brown

(9)

4. Importance of latent and manifest function

(10)

5. Integration from functional prerequisites of social system

(11)

6. Distinguish between ascription versus achievement.

7. Concept of power elite
