

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2008 – 2009 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: SC/MC/ST44

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2012
BRANCH III – SOCIOLOGY
FOURTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE
PAPER : SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION - A

Answer ALL questions. Each answer not to exceed 50 words.

(10x2=20)

1. State the types of theories.
2. What are the basic elements of a theory?
3. Define functionalism.
4. What do you understand by functional imperatives?
5. Identify any two types of alienation you come across in industry today.
6. What does Dahrendorf mean by stratification?
7. How did Cooley define primary groups?
8. State the meaning of gestures.
9. Write a brief note on Blau as a structuralist.
10. Explain power.

SECTION - B

Answer any FIVE questions. Each answer not to exceed 250 words.

(5 × 8 = 40)

11. Bring out the functions of a theory.
12. Elucidate the assumptions of exchange theory.
13. Summarize Merton's critique of traditional functionalism.
14. What are pattern variables? State its relevance in understanding societies.
15. Explain Mead's concept of the Act and Gestures.

- 16. Bring out the causes of alienation.
- 17. Explain Looking Glass Self.
- 18. Bring out the elements of a social exchange.

SECTION – C

Answer any TWO questions. Each answer not to exceed 1000 words.

(2 × 20 = 40)

- 19. Examine Parsons' theory of social action and social system.
- 20. Critically evaluate Marx' theory on class and class struggle.
- 21. Discuss George Homan's conception of social exchange.
- 22. Discuss Cooley as a symbolic interactionist.
