

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI 600 086
(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2023 – 2024 and thereafter)

B. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024
BRANCH III – SOCIOLOGY
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE

PAPER : DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

SUBJECT CODE : 23SC/MC/DS34

TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX.MARKS:100

Q. No.	SECTION A	CO	KL
1	Answer all the questions. Fill in the Blanks (20 x1=20 marks)		
1	_____ is a philosophical approach that emphasizes empirical evidence and scientific methods as the only valid source of knowledge.	1	1
2	_____ societies are highly industrialized societies according to the evolutionary perspective of Spencer.	1	1
3	The new method in the study of the Science of Society proposed by Durkheim is_____.	1	1
4	The class in itself is called as _____.	1	1
5	_____ is a measuring rod or a mental construct that estimates the similarities and differences to view the aspects of the real social world.	1	1
6	_____ means understanding that encompasses both observational and interpretivist nature in Weberian Social Thought.	1	1
7	_____ and Social Dynamics are two separate theoretical entities.	1	1
8	_____ is an ideal type.	1	1
9	The constituent elements of the earth acted upon by man is called as _____.	1	1
10	_____ theory is a way of describing the mechanism of natural selection.	1	1
	Answer in one/ few words		
11	Which approach to the study of society relies specifically on scientific evidence?	1	1
12	Which theory compares a society to a living organism?	1	1
13	Which type of suicide is a product of relatively weak group integration?	1	1
14	In which book Weber has mentioned Confucius and Taoism in detail?	1	1
15	Which theory posits that the material conditions of a society are fundamental in shaping its social, political, and cultural institutions?	1	1
	Write True or False		
16	Auguste Comte's Hierarchy of sciences places Sociology at the bottom of the hierarchy.	1	1
17	Social Darwinism applies the concept of "survival of the fittest" to human societies and social policies.	1	1

18	Synnomie a state of normlessness that can occur in societies with too much specialization and insufficient integration.	1	1
19	Traditional authority can lead to a cult of personality around a leader.	1	1
20	According to Max Weber, religion is a reflection of the collective consciousness, the shared beliefs and values of a society.	1	1
Q. No.	SECTION B Answer any four questions out of the six questions in about 100 words each (4 x 5=20 marks)	CO	KL
21	Discuss any two Protestant Ethics that directly leads to growth of Capitalism.	2	2
22	Write on metaphysical stage as an intermediate stage in the evolutionary progress of Comte.	2	2
23	Explain simple society as a 'Headless' Society.	2	2
24	Explain Collective Conscience, Social Currents and Collective Effervescence in the study of solidarities, suicide and religion.	2	2
25	Discuss why Socialism is a transitional phase in the later stages of the class struggle.	2	2
26	Discuss the characteristics of traditional authority with an example.	2	2
Q. No.	SECTION C Answer any two questions one from each subdivision in about 1000 words each (2 x 20 = 40 marks)	CO	KL
27. a)	How Sciences pass through the law of three stages in Hierarchy of Sciences? (OR)	3	K3
27. b)	Discuss the differences and similarities of the biological organism and human society.		
28. a)	Examine how conflict reduces in organic solidarity. (OR)	4	K4
28. b)	Evaluate the significance of the Study of Alienation in Marxist Social Thought.		
Q. No.	SECTION D Answer any two out of the four questions in 500 words each. (2 x 10 = 20 marks)	CO	KL
29.	'Social Darwinism reinforces forms of social hierarchy'- Justify with Spencerian principles in the theory.	5	K5
30.	Bring out the significance of the study of Social Facts in Sociology.	5	K5
31.	Discuss Hegelian Idealism and Marxist Materialism.	5	K5
32.	Examine the usage of Verstehen in understanding Social Action.	5	K5