

**STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 86**  
**(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2015 – 2016)**

**SUBJECT CODE: 15SC/MC/ST45**

**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2017**  
**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. What is a theory?
2. What are the different types of theories?
3. Define functionalism.
4. What according to Parsons are the four conditions of an act?
5. State the assumptions of conflict theory.
6. Define social stratification.
7. Define primary group.
8. What are the significant and non-significant gestures and symbols?
9. Outline the assumptions of exchange theory.
10. Differentiate between economic exchange and social exchange.

**SECTION - B**

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

**(5 × 8 = 40)**

11. Define a sociological theory. Trace the forces that led to the development of sociological theories.
12. Describe the functions of theories.
13. Describe the functional prerequisites of a social system.
14. Examine Talcott Parsons' pattern variables.
15. Elucidate Ralf Dahrendorf's conception of power and authority.
16. Briefly examine Marx's theory of alienation and social change.
17. Elucidate G.H. Mead's concept of self, its emergence and functions.
18. Discuss briefly George Homan's analysis of the principles of human behaviour.

**SECTION – C**

**Answer any TWO questions. Each answer not to exceed 1200 words.**

**(2 × 20 = 40)**

19. Critically examine Merton's theory of deviance.
20. What is meant by dialectics? Discuss Marx's theory of class and class conflict.
21. Explain symbolic interactionism. Examine C.H. Cooley's organic view of society and the concept of looking glass self.
22. Critically examine Peter Blau's exchange theory and power.

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