PG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2016

SOCIOLOGY

(3rd Semester)

Course No. : SOC–301 (C)

(Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology)

Full Marks : 75
Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer **five** questions, taking **one** from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. *(a)* What do you understand by social structure? Discuss. 7½

(b) Discuss the views of A. R. Radcliffe-Brown on social structure. 7½

2. *(a)* Discuss Talcott Parsons' views on the functions of social system. 7½

(b) Write briefly on R. K. Merton's codification and reformulation of functional analysis. 7½

UNIT—II

3. *(a)* Discuss Ralf Dahrendorf's dialectical conflict theory. 7½

(b) Examine the conflict theory of Randall Collins. 7½

4. *(a)* Discuss the critical theory of Jurgen Habermas. 7½

(b) Write briefly on Gramsci's concept of hegemony. 7½

UNIT—III

5. Write an essay on social exchange perspective as developed by George C. Homans. 15

6. *(a)* Write briefly on structural exchange theory of Peter M. Blau. 7½

(b) Offer a critique of social exchange perspective. 7½

UNIT—IV

7. *(a)* Write briefly on George Herbert Mead's contribution to symbolic interactionism. 7½

(b) Examine Erving Goffman's views on presentation of self in everyday life. 7½

8. Write an essay on ethnomethodology. 15

UNIT—V

9. Critically examine postmodernism in sociological theory. 15

10. Write notes on the following : 7½+7½=15

(a) Semiotics

(b) Habitus and field

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