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GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Students must sign **IN** and **OUT** on the examination class list.
- Write your ID number on the question paper.
- Circle the correct answer on the question paper.

INSTRUCTIONS

This paper is divided into four (4) sections:

Sections 1 - Multiple Choice Questions (Answer all questions in this section)	24 Marks
Section 2 – True and False (Answer all questions in this section)	20 Marks
Section 3 – Short Answers Marks (Answer one question in this section)	25
Section 4 – Essay Questions (Answer one question in this section)	25 marks

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SECTION 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE

INSTRUCTIONS: On the answer sheet provided circle the letter A, B, C or D that carries the best response. Each question is worth 1 (one) mark.

1. Which of the following sociologist contends that conflict is a persistent feature of society?

A. Karl Marx	C. Max Weber
B. Auguste Comte	D. Emile Durkheim
2. That aspect of society which integrates members, and contributes to order, and stability is referred to as:

A. social reality	C. culture
B. Functional prerequisite	D. roles
3. Which of the following approaches uses the quantitative method as a form of research?

A. Interpretivists approach	C. Positivists approach.
B. Conflict theoretical approaches	D. empirical approaches
4. The bourgeoisie, as defined by Karl Marx is:

A. the worker in a factory	C. the owners of the means of production
B. civil servants	D. the manager of a pharmaceutical outlet
5. A society which properly socializes its members about its specific values, roles, and norms, will most likely enjoy:

A. Social stability	C. independence
B. contradictions	D. Political instability
6. Which is regarded as a primary agent of Socialization?

A. The peer group	C. The church
B. The education system	D. The family
7. In his theory of positivism, Comte claims that his positivist's approach must consider one of the following.

A. Social class
B. Scientific investigation
C. Reason and rational thought
D. Advances in technology

8. All the following movements had an influence on the development of sociology as a discipline, EXCEPT:
- A. The Glorious Revolution of 1688
 - B. The French Revolution of 1789
 - C. The Enlightenment
 - D. The Industrial Revolution
9. Which one of the following theories, ascribed to Karl Marx?
- A. Marxist feminist
 - B. Conflict theory
 - C. Symbolic Interactionism
 - D. Functionalism
10. Sociology is:
- A. an awareness of the relationships between an individual and a wider society
 - B. the scientific study of human behaviour
 - C. concerned with what an individual does or does not do.
 - D. exclusively concerned with individual self esteem
11. Which sociologist is credited as the first to emphasize the importance of the scientific method as appropriate to sociological research?
- A. Max Weber.
 - B. Talcott Parsons
 - C. Emile Durkheim
 - D. Auguste Comte
12. Which of the following is associated with Functionalist sociology?
- A. Political ideology
 - B. Value Consensus
 - C. False Consciousness
 - D. Conflict
13. Which sociological theory asserts, that meanings are not fixed, they depend on the context of the situation?
- A. Positivist theorists
 - B. Interpretivist theorists
 - C. conflict theorists
 - D. postmodernists
14. Functionalists conclude that inequalities in power are legitimate and necessary to help:
- A. individuals acquire scarce resources
 - B. societies achieve order and stability
 - C. persons develop class consciousness.
 - D. persons acquire high social status.
15. Marxian theory claims that for society to survive individuals must:
- A. become involved in religious doctrine
 - B. hire out their labour
 - C. achieve group solidarity.
 - D. engage in economic enterprises.

16. One of the following sociological perspectives assumes that social order is achieved as people engage each other in various social activities:
- A. Marxist theory
 - C. Macro sociology
 - B. Interactionists perspective
 - D. Functionalist perspective
17. Symbolic Interactionists claim that society cannot be studied in the same way as the natural world because:
- A. human behaviour is meaningful and varies between individuals and cultures.
 - B. statistical data do not provide insight into human behaviour.
 - C. it does not account for the Actor's view of social reality.
 - D. all the reasons stated in A, B and C
18. Which sociological perspective holds that, if an aspect of social life does not contribute to a society's well-being or survival it will not be passed on from one generation to the next?
- A. Conflict perspective
 - C. Interactionists perspective
 - B. Micro sociology
 - D. Functionalist perspective
19. Within positivist research methods, a _____ is a set of statements that seeks to explain problems, causes, and effects relating to behaviour.
- A. theory
 - C. hypothesis
 - B. correlation
 - D. definition
20. Which sociological perspective assumes that social behaviour is best understood in terms of tension between competing groups?
- A. Marxian perspective
 - C. Macro sociology
 - B. Interactionists perspective
 - D. Functionalist perspective
21. Which theoretical perspective keeps that stability requires a consensus and the support of society's members?
- A. Conflict theory
 - D. Interactionists theory
 - B. Functionalist theory
 - C. Postmodernist ideas
22. Like functionalist theory, conflict theory:
- A. recognizes society as comprising of social structures.
 - B. recognizes the power of the individual over that of the society.
 - C. advances the view that social behaviours are based on consensus.
 - D. That workers suffer from false consciousness.

23. Which of the following appropriates most of the wealth produced by the labour power of workers, according to Karl Marx?
- A. Taxes
 - B. The bourgeoisie
 - C. Welfare organizations
 - D. The infrastructure
24. Which of the following statements about socialization is incorrect?
- A. It produces social order
 - B. Makes people bearers of culture
 - C. Institutionalizes beliefs.
 - D. Makes people think of rules.

SECTION 2 TRUE OR FALSE OPTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS: Write T for the items that are True and F for those answers that are False on the line next to each item. Each question is worth 2 (two) marks

1. The Nature of Sociology focuses on the characteristics of the discipline. -----
2. Social order and stability are achieved when individuals are taught the culture of their societies says functionalist theorist. -----
3. Norms and Values guide and regulate human behaviour. -----
4. Thought and feelings are not observable, and can be misleading, claims Auguste Comte. -----
5. Positivist theorists use the scientific method to enquire into human behaviour -----
6. Functionalist theories are otherwise known as micro theories. -----
7. C wright Mills is known for concept the sociological imagination -----
8. Interactionist theorists focus on thought and symbols -----
9. Sociology is an independent science. -----
10. The French Revolution was a consideration in the origins of sociology. -----

SECTION 3 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS Answer one (1) question from this section. Each question is worth 25 (twenty-five) marks

1. (a) What is ‘sociology?’ [6]
(b) What historical and social changes occurred in the world, which gave rise to Sociology as a discipline? [8]
(c) Identify at least three institutions of the society, and with relevant examples, explain how they achieve Value Consensus. [11]
4. (a) Define the term ‘The Sociological Imagination’. [6]
(b) Describe with at least two examples, how an individual contributes to social order And stability within society according to interactionist. [8]
(c) Symbolic Interactionists contend ‘People maintain order within society By defining the actions of other.’ Explain this process. [11]

SECTION 4 ESSAY QUESTIONS

INSTRUCTION

Choose **ONE** essay topic from this section, and in not less than 350 words write an essay. Remember the need for good English. Each essay is worth 25 (twenty-five) marks

1. “The scientific approach used by Positivist Sociologists always produces objective results.” Discuss this view. [25]
2. Discuss the following claim: ‘A man who drives on the left side of the road. in St. Lucia keeps social order and does so only because of the values. he was taught through socialization.’ [25]
3. Evaluate the claim that Socialization is the only medium through which individuals learn the cultural values of their society and keep social order. [25]

END OF EXAMINATION

