

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

SO 2807 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date & Time: 19/04/2010 / 1:00 - 4:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Write a short note on the following in about 30 words each

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

1. Unconscious pressures.
2. Undistorted communication.
3. Teleological action.
4. Deprivation-Satiation proposition.
5. Culture industry.
6. Hysteresis.
7. Institutional constraints.
8. Ideological distance.
9. Agency.
10. Justice Principle.

PART – B

Answer any Five questions in about 300 words each

(5 x 8 = 40 Marks)

11. What is 'Ideal Speech Situation'? What are its characteristics?
12. How does Bourdieu apply theory to analyse the French academia?
13. How does 'structuration' communicate the duality of the structure?
14. How does knowledge become a force of control?
15. What is 'Ideological State Apparatus'?
16. What are the three basic types of knowledge that Habermas envisages?
17. Trace the evolution and dissolution of public sphere.

PART – C

Answer any Two questions in about 1200 words each

(2 x 20 = 40 Marks)

18. 'The incredulity of the Meta-Narratives has led to the rise of postmodernism.' Elucidate.
19. Examine in detail the concept of discourse. How Foucault used it as the basis of theory of power and structure?
20. 'Risk is the defining characteristic of post-modern society'. Elucidate
21. Critically examine the structural exchange theory of Pete M. Blau
