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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2016

SO 2810 – CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date: 16-04-2016

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

PART – A

Answer ALL the questions in about 30 words each:

(10 x 2=20 marks)

1. What is structural functionalism?
2. Differentiate macro theory from micro theory.
3. What are the two types of deprivation Coser discusses in his theory?
4. Write a brief note on quasi group and interest group.
5. Differentiate gesture from symbol.
6. What is extrinsic reward? Give an example.
7. What are the three key points that Althusser said regarding Marx as being misrepresented?
8. Define communicative action.
9. How does Giddens define agency?
10. What is discourse?

PART – B

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each:

(5 x 8=40 marks)

11. How does Merton criticize the basic postulates of functional analysis?
12. Explain Collins' theory of social stratification.
13. Briefly explain the typification process.
14. Highlight Blumer's contribution to interactionism.
15. Elucidate the four types of action according to Hebermas.
16. What is structuration theory? Examine.
17. Explain the deconstruction theory of Derrida.

PART – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1,200 words each:

(2 x 20=40 Marks)

18. Critically analyse the functional prerequisites discussed by Parsons.
19. Examine the contribution of Dahrendorf to critical theory.
20. Delineate the coherent theory of Mind, Self and Society.
21. Discuss the exchange theory of George Homans.

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