

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**



**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY**  
**FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019**  
**PSO 1502 – SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

Date: 01-11-2019  
Time: 01:00-04:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART A**

**Answer All the questions in about 30 words each:**

**(10 x 2= 20 Marks)**

1. What is positivism?
2. What is meant by survival of the fittest?
3. Define suicide.
4. What is material social fact?
5. Define alienation.
6. What is surplus value?
7. Define social action.
8. What is meant by verstehen?
9. What is latent function? Give an example.
10. Define bureaucracy.

**PART B**

**Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each:**

**(5 x 8= 40 Marks)**

11. How did Comte use the concept of social static and dynamic to understand society?
12. Explain the theory of social evolution.
13. Briefly explain the process of dialectical materialism and social change in the society.
14. Describe the types of suicide with example.
15. Briefly explain the types of authority as discussed by Weber.
16. Describe the types of social action as elucidated by Parsons.
17. Explain the postulates of functionalism according to Merton.

**PART C**

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

**(2 x 20= 40 Marks)**

18. Why did Comte place Sociology on the top of all the disciplines? Substantiate with suitable examples.
19. Discuss the theory of protestant ethics and the spirit of capitalism.
20. Highlight the importance of division of labour in modern society according to Durkheim.
21. Critically evaluate historical materialism of Karl Marx.

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