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School of Liberal Education

Master of Arts in Sociology
Mid Term Examination - Nov 2023

Duration : 90 Minutes
Max Marks : 50

Sem I - K1PQ101T - Classical Sociological TheoriesGeneral Instructions

Answer to the specific question asked

Draw neat, labelled diagrams wherever necessary

Approved data hand books are allowed subject to verification by the Invigilator

- 1) How did Auguste Comte label the different stages of societal development in his theory of historical progression? K2 (2)
- 2) What was Herbert Spencer's stance on social change and evolution? K1 (3)
- 3) Interpret Emile Durkheim's perspective on the role of education in promoting social solidarity. K2 (4)
- 4) Define the evolutionary approach to society as proposed by Herbert Spencer. K2 (6)
- 5) Assess the relevance of Spencer's views on individualism in understanding modern concepts of personal freedom. K3 (6)
- 6) Relate the intellectual and social context of the time to Auguste Comte's motivation for establishing sociology as a distinct discipline. K3 (9)
- 7) How did A.R. Radcliffe Brown emphasize the importance of social institutions in his structural functionalist approach? K4 (8)
- 8) Analyze the implications of Herbert Spencer's emphasis on individualism for social cohesion and community values. K4 (12)

OR

Compare Malinowski's functionalist theory with another anthropological theory that focuses on symbolic meanings. K4 (12)