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SOCIOLOGY

Paper : 201

(Theoretical Perspective in Sociology)

Full Marks – 80

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer *all* questions.

1. What is functionalism ? How Robert Merton identifies the different postulates of earlier functionalists ? Critically discuss. 6+10=16

Or

“Theory is an explanation of recurring events and is a valid explanation universally in space and time” – Discuss the statement from your own understanding. 16

2. Write a critical note on visualization of Ralf Dahrendorf about coercion models of society.

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Or

“Conflict theory must focus on real life rather than abstract formulations.” — Analyse the statement from Collin’s view point. 16

3. How far do you agree that Louis Althusser is neo-Marxist? Give proper argument in support of your answer. 16

Or

How Habermas seeks a society with the self-emancipation of people from domination? — Discuss. 16

4. Write a critical note on Peter Berger’s theoretical treatise in sociology of knowledge. 16

Or

What do you mean by ‘Phenomenology’? What grounds are there for supposing that social world has both unity and inner differentiation? — Discuss from Schutz’s understanding. 6+10=16

5. Critically discuss Anthony Giddens’ theoretical postulation “Structuration” in modern sociological discourse. 16

Or

What do you mean by ‘Habitus’? How did Bourdieu analyze this concept in sociology? 6+10=16