

The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati

Royal School of Humanities & Social Sciences

BA Sociology/BA LLB, 2nd semester

Semester End Examination, July 2021

Course Title : Sociological Thinkers I

Course Code : SOC182C201/LAW122C201

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

Note: Attempt all questions as per instructions given.

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Section – A

1. Attempt **all** questions. (Maximum word limit 50) 2 x 8
 - a. What is positivism?
 - b. Explain Hegel's idealism.
 - c. What do you mean by Weber's concept of 'social actions'?
 - d. Is sociology a science? Give reasons.
 - e. Briefly explain Saint Simon's concept of *industrialism*.
 - f. What are ideal types?
 - g. What do you mean by 'dialectic'?
 - h. What do you understand by the term 'spirit of society'?

2. Attempt **any one** of the following: 12 x 1
 - a. In what way did Spencer see evolution as extending into realms of sociology and ethics? Explain.
 - b. Write an essay on August Comte's contribution to the growth of early sociology.

3. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
 - a. Explain the significance of 'solidarity' in Durkheim's work focusing on the difference between organic and mechanical solidarity.
 - b. Elaborating on the issue of farmer's suicide in India explain the concept of *social fact* according to Emile Durkheim.
 - c. Explain how Durkheim studies religion as a *social fact*.

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Section – B

4. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- a. Write an elaborate note on Weber's interpretive sociology.
 - b. 'An interpretive understanding of *social action* is the overall objective of social sciences'. Explain.
 - c. In what way did Weber relate religion with capitalism? Explain.
5. Attempt **any two** of the following: 7 x 2
- a. 'Capitalism erects barrier between an individual and the production process'. Explain the statement highlighting the concept of alienation.
 - b. Explain Hegel's evolutionary theory. In what way was Karl Marx critical of his ideas?
 - c. 'The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle'. Explain Karl Marx's *theory of class conflict*.