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(Academic Year: 2023-2024)

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Dear Student,

Read the following **Instructions** very carefully before writing and submitting of all your Assignments. Write all your details on every Cover Page of Each Paper (Assignment). Students of various PG Courses have to submit Assignments **I & II** for each semester. The Assignments consists of **20 marks** and Assignment – **II** consist **25 marks**

(Note: Assignment-II in place of Seminar for 25 Marks)
(Write topic on top up of the page)

Instructions for Writing of Assignments:

1. Submission of Assignments is **Compulsory**.
2. Each Assignment-I should be written in **15-20 Pages. (Attach Question Paper)**
3. Assignment-II should be written in **15-20 Pages. (Attach Question Paper)**
4. Write answers clearly and visibly on **A-4 size only.**
5. Assignment should be written **ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER only.**
6. Assignment should be in student's own handwriting.
7. Printed/Carbon copies or computer print-outs **Will not be Accepted.** Any irregularity will be viewed seriously and the assignments will be **rejected.**
8. You can use CDOE (SDLCE) course material or other relevant Articles/Books for writing the assignments **I & II.**
9. Submit Assignment **I & II** separately with tape binding or spiral binding **only**.
10. Each Assignment **I & II** should be with a cover page. Write All Your Details in **Capital Letters on the cover page.**
11. Students those who fail to submit their assignments are **not allowed** write **SEMESTER EXAMS.**
12. **Submit** all your Assignments at your Study Centre (or) Room No. 7, **CDOE (SDLCE), KU only**.
13. **Last date for Submission of Assignments I & II is: 10-11-2026. Assignments will not be Accepted, After the Due Date.**
14. For any sort of doubts or queries in writing the assignments, students can contact the Coordinators of your center or **course-In-Charge of CDOE (SDLCE), KU.**
15. You may contact CDOE Enquiry Counter/directly or call **0870-2461480 , 0870-2461490**

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ASSIGNMENT-I

M.A. SOCIOLOGY Semester-III Examination (2023-24)

Paper-I : CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Explain the concept of the "Great Chain of Being" and its significance in pre-modern thought.
2. Briefly describe the contributions of Rene Descartes and Francis Bacon to the Age of Enlightenment.
3. Outline Karl Marx's concept of historical materialism.
4. What is George Ritzer's "McDonaldization"? Explain briefly.
5. Distinguish between Karl Popper's falsifications and Thomas Kuhn's idea of paradigms.
6. What is Derrida's concept of "deconstruction"?
7. Explain Habermas's concept of the "Public Sphere".
8. What does Benedict Anderson mean by "Imagined Communities"?
9. Explain Daniel Bell's thesis of "Post-Industrial Society".
10. What is Lyotard's definition of post-modernity as "incredulity towards meta-narratives"?

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ASSIGNMENT-I

M.A. SOCIOLOGY Semester-III Examination (2023-24)

Paper-II: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Distinguish between economic growth and economic development.
2. What is sustainable development? Mention its ecological and social dimensions.
3. Explain Frank's Centre-Periphery theory.
4. What is the Theory of Big Push?
5. What are the main features of the capitalist path of development?
6. Outline the salient features of the Gandhian model of development.
7. How does social structure act as a facilitator of development? Give examples.
8. Explain the relationship between gender and development.
9. What is Development-Induced Displacement? Give examples.
10. Highlight the major issues in Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R).

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ASSIGNMENT-I

M.A. SOCIOLOGY Semester-III Examination (2023-24)

Paper-III : INDIAN SOCIETY: STRUCTURE AND CHANGE

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Explain Louis Dumont's approach to the study of Indian society.
2. What is the Subaltern perspective? Mention its key thinkers.
3. Explain the concept of Purusharthas.
4. What is the Jajmani System?
5. What is cultural syncretism? How did it emerge in medieval India?
6. Briefly explain the impact of British rule on India's agrarian social structure.
7. Explain the concept of Sanskritization given by M.N. Srinivas.
8. Discuss Rajaram Mohan Roy's contribution to social reform.
9. What constitutional provisions exist for SCs, STs, BCs and women in India?
10. Define communalism and indicate its major manifestations.

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ASSIGNMENT-I

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Paper-IV: SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CHANGE

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Define communication and explain its basic elements.
2. How does communication relate to globalization and social change?
3. Explain any one model of communication.
4. Distinguish between traditional and developed societies in terms of communication patterns.
5. What is folk media? Give examples of folk theatre forms in India.
6. Enumerate the beneficial and adverse social effects of mass media.
7. What are the main ethical responsibilities of Indian journalism?
8. How does electronic media contribute to planned development?
9. Explain the conceptual foundations of information systems.
10. What is meant by "cultural invasion from the skies"?

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ASSIGNMENT-I

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Paper-V: CIVIL SOCIETY, NGOs AND DEVELOPMENT

Answer any *FIVE of* the following questions. **5x4=20 Marks**

1. Trace the historical emergence of the idea of development.
2. How did the end of colonialism shape development in Third World societies?
3. What are the main limitations of the state in development?
4. Briefly explain the relationship between the state and civil society.
5. What role do co-operatives play in development?
6. Explain how identities and cultures of tribes and women influence development policy.
7. What are NGOs and QUANGOs? Distinguish between them.
8. Explain the concept of voluntarism and the voluntary sector.
9. Who are the "victims of development"? Give examples.
10. Mention any two successes of NGO-led development in India.

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ASSIGNMENT-II

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Note: Answer any ONE TOPIC of the following. **25 Marks**

1. Discuss the project of modernity in classical and contemporary sociological theory with reference to Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Giddens, Beck and Habermas.
2. Critically examine the idea of post-modernity with reference to Baudrillard, Lyotard, Foucault and Jameson, and evaluate Alex Callinicos' critique of post-modernism.
3. Critically examine the dependency and world-system theories of development (Frank, Samir Amin, Wallerstein) and compare them with liberal theories of development.
4. Analyze development-induced displacement in India (SEZs, dams, industries) and the issues involved in resettlement and rehabilitation.
5. Discuss the major approaches to the study of Indian society - Indological structural-functional, Marxist, civilizational and subaltern perspectives - with their critical appraisals.
6. Examine the dissent and reform movements in colonial India with reference to ideas of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Vivekananda, Gandhi and Ambedkar, and discuss post-colonial constitutional provisions for SCs, STs, BCs and women.
7. Discuss the theories and models of communication and analyze the relationship between society and communications in traditional, developing and developed societies.
8. Examine the role of folk media and mass media in the development process and discuss the impact of information technology and globalization on social change.
9. Discuss the limitations of the state in third world development and examine the rise of civil society initiatives, voluntarism and the role of NGOs and QUANG.
10. Critically appraise the roles of state, civil society and NGOs in development in India, with special reference to the victims of development and case studies from different states.

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