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SOCIOLOGY*Time Allowed: 50 Min.**Max. Marks: 70***Instructions to Candidate**

- ☐ There are FIVE questions.
- ☐ All Questions are compulsory.
- ☐ Answers must be written in the medium authorized in the Admission certificate which must be stated clearly on the cover of this Question-cum-Answer (QCA) booklet in the space provided. No marks will be given for answers written in medium other than the authorized one.
- ☐ Attempts of questions shall be counted in chronological order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the answer book must be clearly struck off.

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· Suggestions :-

→ Your understanding of questions appears strong
however some answers needs more

1) Elaboration

2) Analysis

→ Descriptive analysis is must-

→ Contextualize a logical flow

→ Try to incorporate more thinkers & their
perspective.

→ Try to attempt the question holistically
and comprehensively.

All the Best!!

SOCIOLOGY

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2. Write a short note on Subject matter of Sociology according to Durkheim. Illustrate using his sociological works.
3. Examine the evolution of farmer protests in India, using Marx's theory of class consciousness, 'class in itself' to 'class for itself'.
4. The grand sociological theories of the 19th Century are under critical scrutiny in the 21st Century. Comment.
5. Examine Weber's contribution towards tracing the origin of Capitalism in the western society.



1. Evaluate on the anomaly and contradiction of the capitalist mode of production, using alienation as a concept. (10 Marks)

Outline the definition of capitalism
 Karl Marx through his theory of alienation tried to explain that how due to contradictions present within the structures of capitalism, false class consciousness among the workers will fade away giving rise to unity among the proletariat for revolution to happen in which capital is the dominant means of production

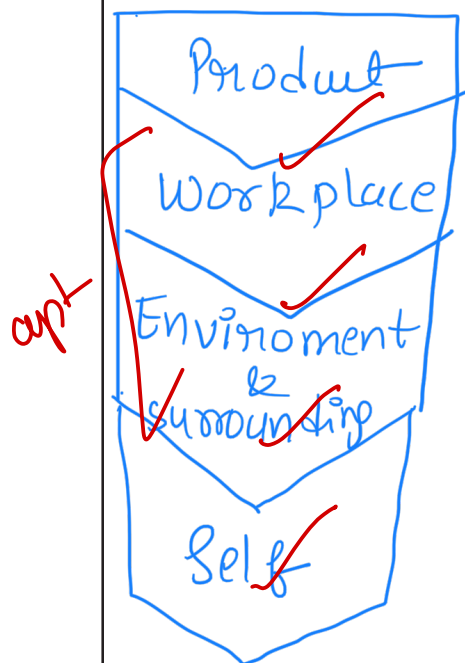
Due to capitalist mode of production, unit of production shifted from household to factory, whereas family was reduced to a mere unit of consumption. This enabled sense of detachment among the producers. Moreover, due to monopoly over ownership of factors of production proletariat lost their bargaining power. *well elaborated*

Remarks

Incorporate
Marx's 4 dimensions
of alienation in capitalism

This led to pauperization which promoted objective class consciousness thus homogenizing the proletariat against bourgeoisie. This was supported by feeling of "alienation" a psychological state among workers which meant strong disatisfaction

cut it



Marx described alienation at four levels (as described in figure) which will indeed be a trigger for polarization ultimately leading to class conflict for the death of capitalism and arrival of socialism.

Try to incorporate
criticisms
- Durkheim
- Popper
- Weber

* conclusion

Remarks

3.5
10

2. Write a short note on Subject matter of Sociology according to Durkheim. Illustrate using his sociological works. (10 Marks)

Durkheim in his work "Rules of Sociological Method" laid a detailed framework of how to make sociology an objective analysis of society.

Being a positivist, like Comte for him main goal was to make a science out of sociology and to make it all encompassing.

Thus for Durkheim, "Social Facts" were the subject matter of sociology.

Characteristics of Social Facts :-

- sui-generis in character
- free from external influences
- have to be treated as "things"
- as objective as scientific facts
- subdivided into normal & abnormal
- not based on conjectures, fallacy
- discarded presumption and supposition.

Also mention
social facts
comprise social constructions,
social actions, substratum
of society

Relevant points

Remarks

could
Briefly incorpor-
ate the types
of social facts.

Durkheim used "Social Facts" as his methodology all throughout his work
e.g. "Division of Labour", "Religion", "Suicide".

While describing organic and mechanical solidarity for instance, he described "Conscience collective" as social facts which guide individual behaviour in society.

"Totem" and rituals surrounding it were considered as social facts in Durkheim's analysis of religion in primitive societies.

His theory on Suicide, which is considered most objective, scientific and data driven of all, analysed "rate of suicide" as a social fact to benchmark different societies.

Thus, Durkheim through his subject matter in form of social facts laid the foundation of positivism in sociology.

Remarks

5/10

Adequate
conclusion

3. Examine the evolution of farmer protests in India, using Marx's theory of class consciousness, 'class in itself' to 'class for itself'. (20 Marks)

According to Ghanshyam Shah and A.R. Desai's classification, farmer's movement largely refer to movement initiated by agrarian class post-1947 (pre-1947 were called peasants).

Evolution of farmer's movement i.e. (Post 1947)

Late 1960s :- failure of land reform leading to birth of Naxalism with small farmers and landless labourers forming its support base

1970s and 1980s : for equitable share of Green Revolution (i.e. in western India). High cost of agriculture was also resisted.

Post 1990s :- against agri-industrial houses for their monopoly over genetically modified seeds, fertilizers, pesticides etc.

Remarks

Recent Examples :

- Case against Pepsico : highlight the vulnerabilities faced by farmers in contractual farming as they lose their bargaining power & right over land as well.

Briefly discuss apt of core their and main demand and main features of these farmers

Marxian perspective of class consciousness :-

- Since 86% of farmers are small & marginal their landholding is less than 2 hectare they lack the resources to unite against their exploitation
- Social barriers like languages, village unity and caste in case of India prevent bringing up of an unified front i.e. of agrarian class as whole.
- Landless labourers (often those from untouchable caste) feel alienated still can't exist in many regions.

holistic approach

Remarks

feeling of "class-in-itself" i.e. subjective class consciousness prevails in case of Indian farmers.

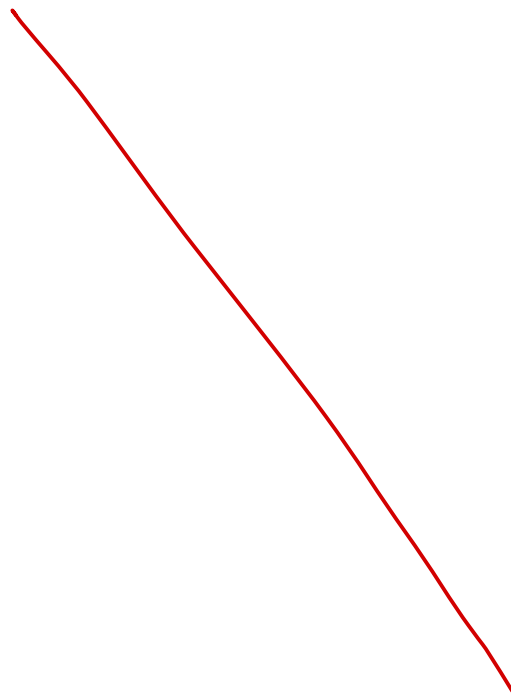
However, farmer protest of 2020-21 defied this context as it saw unification of farmers cutting across class, with large and medium farmers providing a leadership to the movement when they felt that their interests are in threat.

Demand for Minimum Support Price, public procurement of produce, contractual farming united

the farming community which demonstrated "class-for-itself" driven by the feeling of objective class consciousness that all farmers are one and equal in this fight. This provides a relevance to Marxian theory.

Remarks

10.5
20



Remarks

4. The grand sociological theories of the 19th Century are under critical scrutiny in the 21st Century. Comment. (20 Marks)

Sociological theory of 19th century by Comte, Spencer, Durkheim, Marx in the initial days of the discipline reflected verbose and visionary ideas of what society ought to be.

A. Comte
Ext'd as science
of society
the social physics

Since sociology owes its genesis from the arrival of modernity in Europe, the discipline in those days aimed to solve all the problems faced by society in those days owing to transition to modernity. Initial sociologists were thus social doctors.

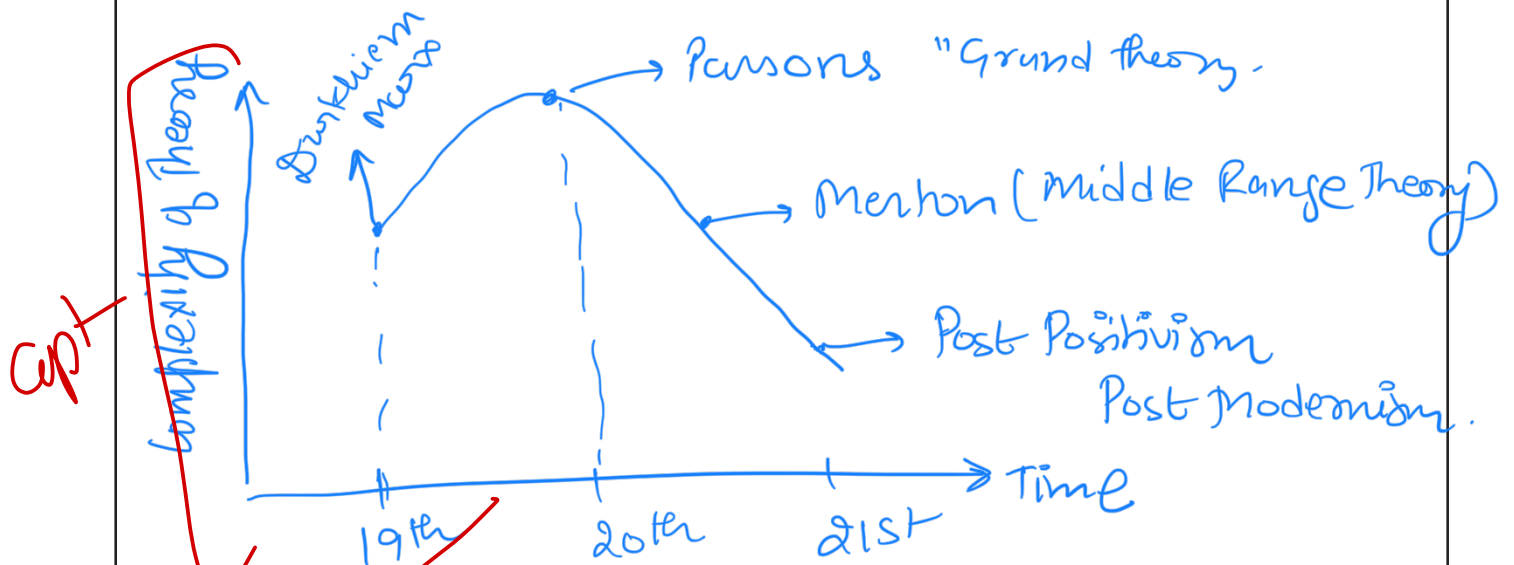
well explained

Also mention
Durkheim's sociological
analysis of society
as a social fact

While Durkheim glorified the idea of organic solidarity, Marx on the other hand envisioned an utopian communion. Other scholars celebrated the arrival of science and termed it as a positivistic society.

Remarks

next
This grandification of theory of sociology reached its peak at the time of Parsons who was criticized for his "Grand theory" of social system.



Relevant
you could also
mention
Merton by his middle range theory and idea of structure functionalism toned down perception & sociology of that time towards a discipline which produces grand theory.

Phenomenologists and ethnomethodologists further reduced the scope of theory of sociology to particular interaction or culture respectively.

Remarks

about Weber's methodological tool / ideal types & use of Verstehen model.

In 21st century, with arrival of approaches like Neo-Marxism, Neo-liberalism, post-modernism, feminism, sub-altern view point, grand sociological theories have been turned upside down.

These new methodologies concentrate on specific aspect of society often form a perspective of a given ideology. However these approaches especially post-modernism often appreciates the diversity of ideas and viewpoints in society rather than putting all of it into umbrella of a single & grand theory.

Remarks

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Remarks

5. Examine Weber's contribution towards tracing the origin of Capitalism in the western society. (10 Marks)

Weber in his theory of "Protestant Ethic and Spirit of Capitalism" made a holistic and a comparative analysis of different religion and the factors behind growth of capitalism in only a few.

According to Weber, two pre-requisites for growth of capitalism in any society:-

- ① Material resources (i.e. factors of production)
- ② Spirit (i.e. drive to work hard & earn money)

Weber found that many religions like Hinduism propagated the value of sacrifice, simple living thus couldn't infuse spirit of accumulation among its followers.

On the other hand, some 'followers' of some religions lacked material resources to capitalise on the spirit of earning money which they had. (Eg) Jews (Judaism)

Remarks

Weber used the tools of his approach like ideal types & causal pluralism to trace the origin of capitalism through Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Adequate points however not in short

Weber found that, the sect which emerged under the leadership of John Calvin & Martin Luther i.e.

ap^t Protestants which stood against orthodoxy promoted by Church in medieval Europe possessed both of these essential conditions.

Weber developed an Ideal

Type of the same and found out following features of Calvinist Ethics i.e.

- 1) Belief of Predestination
- 2) Concept of Calling
- 3) This worldly Asceticism

It was indeed this spirit

of discipline and value protestants put on their time that they pioneered Capitalism, such for discoveries and cultural revolution,

Remarks

4.5
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for conclusion

What is the meaning of Calvinism?
You have to incorporate the correlation b/w capitalism & Calvinism

ap^t