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# **EVALUATION INDICATORS**

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Write a short note on each of the following in not more than 150 words.

1. (a) Idea of functional indispensability

The idea of functional indispensability is given by talcott borsons in his theory of social system.

According to this idea each social system must have 4 institutions to undertake 4 distinct functions of AGIL (Adaptive function, goal attainment, Integration and latency).

These functions one non-transferable and fixed for a particular system.

Adaptive function - organismic system - evonomy

goal attainment - poisonality system - government

tal Integration - social system - law & education

hotency - cultural system - family.

This is called functional indispensability and it provides stability and regularity to social system This concept is criticized by R.K. Merton who advocates that:

one role or function may be played by different secuctures

eg: socialisation can be done by School, family, laws, education etc.

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(ii) One streveture may have different reoles to play some mainifest, some latent.

eg: school not only gives education but also socialisation, entertaintment, place to make feriends etc.

.. R.K. Meton says that Parson's theory of functional indispensability is a potential myth.

### 1. (b) Verstehen

"understanding" and it is used by Weber in his approach to sociology.

Weber is the founder of Verstehen method in sociology borrowing ideas from withelm Dilthey and eyeong simmel.

Herstehen approach lays emphasis on the fact that reality should be interpreted through understanding empirical facts. The verstehen approach stands apposite to the lostivistic approach which given impolance on

"explanation" of facts as facts. But occording to weber this approach is purely scientific and mechanistic. He advocates that sociology should only follow the "spirit of science and not the methodology of science."

verstehen approach tries to establish a belance between theories and foots in sociology by trying to emplain interprets the realities in best possible manner by understanding the relevant empierical foots.

Thus verstehen approach tries to make true sociology of sociology than attempting to make it a science.

1. (c) Pathological forms of Division of labor

round and pathological sovial conditions on the basis of conformity or deviance from the collective conscience of society.

This when applied to the theory of division of labour provide insights into pathological forms of division of labour. Whenever the society moves from stage to another it experiences reapid social change and weater anomic conditions where their is normlemness and individuals are devicen by egoism. In such conditions the labour is exploited and their is showed division of labour. It whates only temporary happiness but perpetual sorrows.

Marx calls appropriation of surplus value of Pabour and purther capitalism as the pathological forms of division of labour wherby labour undergoes alienation bading to purporization of masses.

Thus pathological form of division of sabour is

discussed by many thinkers in different form and content.

1. (d) Discuss the utility of Max Weber's ideal type as a methodological tool

According to weber the reality is vast, unorganized, dichotomous and chaotic. Thus sociology should go for interpretative understanding of empirical realities by constructing ideal types.

(1) The theory of Positivism an (Durkheim) and historical materialism (Marx) are overglorifying facts and theories respectively. Ideal type tries to establish a balance between the theories and facts in sociology.

- (2) Ideal type in not a philosophical reomanticism reather a sociological necessity since recality is dynamic.
- (3) It is a mental construct used in comparative analysis of varied realities.
- (4) It is not ideal in conceptual sense of term rather in logical sense of term as it is not an absolute type, it provides only approximate type acting as guide to social research.
- (5) It maintains value neutrality and trying to comprehend reality by studying its essence. Thus ideal type is a lower level abstraction than mega theories and important tool for sociological research.

- 1. (e) Latent and manifest functions
- Manifest functions are those which are explicit energenised whereas latent functions are implied, hidden and invecognised.

various scholars have used this concept:

- (1) Francis Bacos says that ultimate aim of suince in to study the manifest reality by understanding the underlying latent configuration.
- (2) Sigmund Gerend used this concept in his study of Oedipus and Electra complex.
- (3) GH Head says that punishment is primitive society acts on deterrent (manifest) as well as promotes people's faith in conformity (latent).
- similarly Durbheim says that each of toternic rituals is to promote conformity to conscience collective (manifest) as well as weating social solidarity (latent).
- (5) WI Thomas & 2 naniecki used this in their work

  "lolish presents" whenby beasont rounils are
  having manifest role to provide cheap nedit & latent
  note to make presents politically conscious.
- (6) N.K. Merton uses all these concepts to develop his theory of manifest & latent whenhy every social

accolity is having functions, dysfunctions or well as mon-functions which may be manifest or latent and sociology should study all of them.

Meeton applies these concepts to theory of reference group and anomie also.

(a) "Social fact plays a central role in the sociology of Emile Durkheim". Comment.

According to Emile Durkheim the subject matter of sociology is the "study of social focts". He definer social facts on the empirical realities present in every sphere of social life.

Awarding to Durkheim:

(1) sovial facts are different from biological, psychologial, utilitarian and cultural facts.

He categorised them into 2 types

(i) Normal social facts - ie. which conform to consuence collective.

- (ii) Pathological social facts ie which are not normal.
- (3) He also classified them as material and nonmaterial social facts
  - eg: material social facts: rites and rituals non-material social facts: religious consciousnes
- eight things so that they are subjected to persistence and continuity, thus favouring application of scientific method owing to definite structure of such facts.
- (5) Social facts are emergent in character and heme can use cause and effect analysis in sociology eg: Illiterary loverty -> suicide
- (6) social facts can be easily used for compatrative analysis.
- (4) He says that such facts are constraining in character and they make demands from the members of society.
- (8) social facts become generalistie in extraordinary circumstances like anomie.
- (9) They are external and inherited wiral facts
- (10) These facts are moral in shoracter thus helping in building sociological theories.

	Thus Durpheim's sociology is centred around
	social facts. He is using social facts to
	develop his theory of:
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	phenomena into saired & profone
(2)	Suivide: considering suicidal currents and
	regulative and integrative tendencies
	present in society.
(3)	study of simpleand complex societices.
	Thus Durpheim's soisology is an interplay,
	creation and rescreation with variety of
	social facts present in everyday life.

2. (b) "The history of all hitherto existing societies is the history of class struggles." Critically comment on this Marxian thesis.

According to karl manx theory of historical materialism, all societies existing or existed before are product of class relationship and class conflict.

- (1) In primitive community, tribal leaders are present but still there is natural equality enjoyed by all as victually no segregated closes are present.
- (2) Ancient or slave society emerged due to war between tribal societies leading to occumulation

of private property and thus two classes of masters and slaves emerged involved in dialectual class relationship. moster expediting to slaves in every possible very.

- (3) It gave rise to feudalism whenby feudal lords exploited to farmers, thus economic exploitation was dowing all other forms of discumination
- (4) Then same the nuthless form of mode of production ie capitalism which created bourgeoisie and proletariats classes. It led to appropriation of susplus value of Labour, pauperization of masses, homogenisation, realisation of true clas consciousness, polarisation & revolution.
- (5) Thus giving way to socialism & communism Hence all hitherto societies are product of clan struggle, which secording to marx gives rise to equalitarian society through revolution.

# CRITICUM:

This theory of class conflict is writinised by: P. Bourdieu advocates that that classes are present universally in join of cultural, symbolic & aconomic capitalist but dess struggle in not universal in modern societies. Thus morxion theory is not term in present context.

- is universal and subject matter of sociology is not class conflict rathe the degree, form and intensity of such conflict.
- is the source of conflict. Puling class dominate over masses. Thus class conflict is not always economic deterministic.
- (4) Noam chomspey advocates that today conflict is between those having established knowledge and those having alternate knowledge.

Thur marrian theory though there our the evolution of societies but myopic in the sense that economic classes are present in conflict aeross the social spectrum, rather they may be cooperative also.

2. (c) Critically discuss the concept of "Cult of the Individual".

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a belief and faith centred around an individual who may eavy the charisma to make people follow him.

eg: within Kindwism there is cult of followers of saibaba.

The cult of individual provides scope to the members of society who are not included in the raligious discourse of upper strata to go satisfy their spicitual needs.

eg: In Haryona the Brahmins and othe upper

lower coste went for Baka Rampal etc.

shur cult also provides for social solidarity,

moral development of social groups and promotes

rohesion.

on the other brand rult of the individual makes that individual super-human which perpetuates blind belief, supersthorns and take people away from rationality. This creates wishs of modernity whereby man dewien by faith denounce sueince and follows illogical and virational practices.

These wester political, economic es well as social barbaradness.

Thus celt is not only braving functions but also dysfunctions and non-functions in the society.

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3.	(a) The "development of the individual's self, and of his self- consciousness within the field of his experience" is preeminently social. Discuss in context of G.H Mead.	

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3. (c) Critically assess R K. Merton's views on the contributions of research to the development of sociological theory.  10	
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- 5. Write a short note on each of the following in not more than 150 words.  $10 \times 5 = 50$ 
  - (a) Gender as a dimension of stratification

eyender is sociological whereas sex is biological eyender as a form of stratification has been studied by a plethora of thinkers.

- (1) classical thinkers like Plato and Aristotle advocated that women should not be given citizenship nights as their primary role is reproductive activities.
- (2) Parsons odvocate that role of women in family building which ultimately performs the laterny function of tension management and pattern maintename.

- (3) Durkheim echoing the above views says women note is basically domesticated aiming to promote conformity towards collective conscience.
- (4) modernists like Kornhausser advocate that gender is not an appropriate unit to study stratification rather family is a unit to study it.
- (5) contrary to all these fernionists like Ann Dakley,
  Shulamith Firestone, salkia Walky advocate that
  women are subjected to domination by rulture,
  state, family and technology.
- (6) Rodical Jaminist like Friedrich Engels in her book
  "Harriage, hivate property and Jamily" denounces
  marriage as it is a way through which women
  loses control over her body thus getting
  exploited.

Heme gender as a form of hierarrhy, stratification and continuonce of patriarrhy is studied by various scholars highlighting the poor position of women.

### 5. (b) Interest groups and democracy

enterest geroups are groups of people which are having interests in modification of good.

policies for their benefits.

eg: Corporates, wildlife conservationis etc.

They are different from pressure groups as they don't pressurize the gout to amend public policies directly. But when they undergo evolution through various modes they may converge into pressure groups.

on the gout and hence try to get benefits eg: corporater fund elections to get tan benefits from the elected government.

Thus this way they may tend to weaken demourary and demonatic institutions. This may work antithetical to public interests and hence subjudice the principles of demonary.

on the other hand some interest groups may work for benefit of public and thrus bargaining for public welfore. Such groups tend to become pressure group and ultimately will society groups in the jutim.

eg: environmental activist, later forming an NÃO to become a pressuar group.

Heme interest groups have varying degree of influence of demouracy depending on political and social maturity of that society.

# 5. (c) Circulation of Elites

The elete theory to power was introduced in etaly by wilfred lareto who advocates that political elites eules over masses, thus power constitutes as form of domination.

This theory was modified by CW Mills for elite theory in American context. He advocated that polytical elites are present everywhere in the world but power elites are present in America. These power eliter are:

(i) professional politicans

corporates

bressure groups

These elites are not fixed souther they also experience upward and downward mobility and hence called arrulation of elites".

preduced to men political eliter but using various means they reclaim their position and again become power elites.

eg. A power elite may use his children to continue that position of power elite like eyeorge Bush senior and junior.

Hence circulation of elites is universal is nature though its degree, four and intensity may vary over societies to accommodate local variations. 5. (d) Reasons for growth of sects and cults

sect refers to the major division present in a religion whereas well refers to a group of people venerating an individual within a particular religion and developing unquestionable faith in him.

eg: Vaishnavites, Shaivites are sects of hindrism whereas followers of Saibaba form a cult.

## REASONS FOR GROWTH

- (1) when a religion is not inclusive and practising some form of discurrination against some of its members people go for different sects.
- then sents are formed

  eg: in south India Singayato wen formed on a

  set within Hindrism to oppose Brahminical
  supremacy.
- (3) when them are no julyillment of spiritual needs of people from that religion they go for some danger and results in formation of sect.
- (4) such modification allow religious preachers and garus to make appearance and impressing people by their charismatic activities they attract people, resulting in cult formation.

to all religious system to all people. Thus deviants form their own sult.

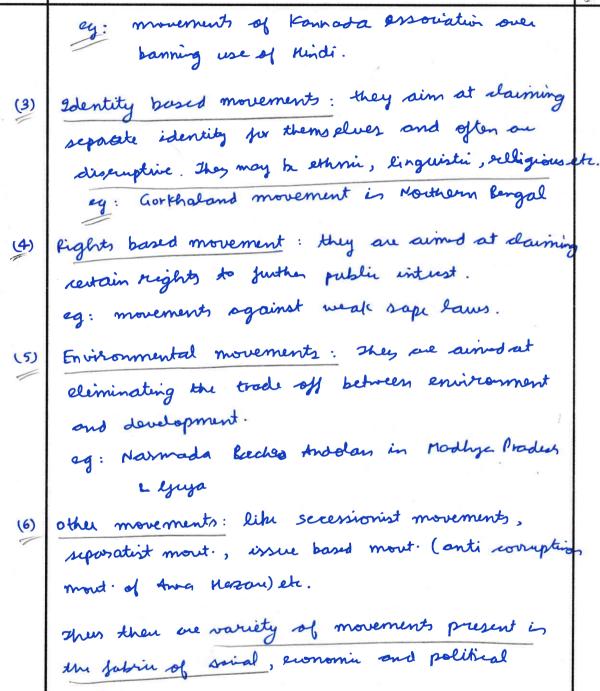
them seets and wells are the product of dissatisfaction, incompleteness and lack of gratification of spiritual needs which dowies multiple divisions within a subgrown.

#### 5. (e) Types of social movements

people or class of people for the gratification of some specific interest from gout. on other public institutions.

### TYPES:

- 2nstitution movements: they are those whenly demands are mode from a particular institution eg: Bankers union, trade union within a industry
- associational movements: they are alkated to larger association when people are not from same strates, institution or class of society.



systems.

6. (a) "Weber's approach to stratification was built on the analysis developed by Marx, but he modified and elaborated on it". Discuss20

Karl Marx's theory of stratification is based on his theory of dialectical class relationship and class conflict. Thus he uses "class" as the basis of stratification. On the other hand weberian theory of stratification lays emphasis on three elements - "class, status and power".

marrian theory talked about class conflict being ineritable in every society ie. how 2 (howers have nots) with one dominating over the other. This domination has its barke in the economy and this economic base influences to the superstructure of society consisting of other spheres like polity, religion law, education etc. Thus he is giving materialistic interpretation of stratification advocating that class forms a hierarchical system and inequality which is not bridgeable.

Thus monx talks about elemination of class through revolution and development of classless society which will be equalitarism and based on communism.

Weber is using this theory but modifying and elaborating it further.

(1) He advocates that though class are universal in nature but they are not always a source of conflict and strife rather different class sulationships may be present. He classified classes into 4 types (ideal type)

- (i) propertied upper class
- (ii) white collar workers
- (iii) petty bourgeoisie
- (iv) manual labourers

He says that all these classes aim for upword social mobility. Thus class positions are not fixed, rather class origin is different from clan destination. Hence it is not hierarchical system rather a spen etratified system. class conflict is regular and sociology should

study its degree, form & intensity

Secondly he studied status as a sufference group form of stratification whereby he gave the example of raste in India wherein brahmins form a status group different from Dalits. Thus their is hierarchy involved due to status also.

(3) He also studied power as a form of stratification whereby he studied authority and domination. He justified legitimate domination and legal national authority as being acceptable inequality. He considers such integrality driven by laws as haldmark of modern industrial society.

Hence though marxian theory of stratification based on class occipents it as brutal inequality weberian theory based on different forms of inequality (status, clan, powers) speaks about social mobility and gradual social change (not revolutionary change as spelt out by Marx). 6. (b) "Science investigates; religion interprets. Science gives man knowledge, which is power; religion gives man wisdom, which is control". Critically examine. 20

Religion and science are often seen as mutually exclusive by many scholars whereas concordant by some others.

early scholars who rejected religion saying that suince will replace it are:

(1) Auguste Comte talked about three types of society and their mode of scrientation:

- (i) Theosophical religion
- metaphysical abstract philosophy
- modern nationality (iii)

Thus modernity will drive out religion from minds of people infusing rationality.

(2) Rousseau said that "religion is a body of foolies and tyearnies present in man's mind "induced by church to serve the interest of priestly class. : Saine should replace religion. (3) According to many Religion is opiating the manses,

it is hope of the hopelers and soul of soullers individuals.

But some scholars gave epistemological and siventific explanation of religion: Tocqueville advocated that religion is more than weed and faith and is giving this worldly

experience to man.

- (2) Fustel de Coulange advocate that man earns this experience of religion from out of family hearth and it drives man towards quest for meaning. Thus suince and eveligion are concordant.
- (3) Robertson smith talks about regulatory and stimulative role of religion. He says that religion gives wisdom and controls egoism. It stimulates man to go for collective moralism.
- (4) weber also speaks about religious values being reward in drive towards reationality and capitalism in his work protest ant ethics and spirit of rapitalism.
- (5) similarly Durkheim speaks about suligion having collective note to promote solidarity and controls deviance by conforming people to collective conscience & collective representations.

thus religion is complementary to suence. Science uses empirical foots to understand and generalise reality while religion interprets that reality to add meaning to social life. Science give valueable knowledge but religion goes for its further advancement to promote social order and normlessness.

Hence though views are divergent about the interface between two but they are largely complementary domains of knowledge.

6. (c) Briefly discuss the implication of social mobility on individual and societal level in different structures.

social mobility is an inherent feature of stratificational systems and is a continuous process. social mobility has several implications over individual and societal levels.

## INDIVIDUAL LEVEL:

- (1) According to weber social mobility is essential to maintain dynamic nature of power, status & class groups. It ensures that individual positions can change as per his work and not bith.
- (2) Goldhorope and Lockwood advocate in their work "Affluent workers" how mobility allows worker was to more up the bodder of clan structure.
- (3) Antony Health & Huxley virticize that mobility is universal. Shey say more than 80% mobility is among immediate levels and not long term mobility. Thus not serving individuals.
- (4) They are supported by Leivermann who say women uses their physical beauty to more up in class structure.

# SOCIETAL LEVEL

(1) Anthony ejidden advocate that mobility causes nigration and prequent nigration retards the development of solid arity in the society.

(2) similarly Duncon & leter Blan talking about America occupational structure says that mobility is used as launch pod by upper middle class only cowning disruption in society.

Thus sovial mobility have positive as well as negative implication but then are more of degree than of kind.

(a) "Parson's views of the nature and application of power in society are naïve". Comment Critically.

Talcott Parson is busy in building mega theories on social action and action social systems. He is nejecting to weberian ideal type, tenjing to fit all facts in one grand theory.

Carsons advocate that man is voluntarily coming in association with the society through national action and using alternate means for the gratification of his goals.

this develops social system theory wherein each system has one function which is non-transferable and non-negotiable.

- (i) Adaptive function organismic system & economy
- (ii) Goal attainment personality system gout.
- (iii) Integration social system law, religion, education
- (iv) laterry cultural system family
- (3) He says that gout has power which forms political system and it has the functions of goal attainment.
- (4) It frames goals, choose apperopriate means and achieves them. This scale cannot be influenced by anyone and it is non-negotiable.

## CRITICISM

These views of Parsons seem very myopic and naive in light of following scholars:

- (1) David Easton advocates that political system is greatly influenced by external enviscomment consisting of pressure groups, interest groups, NGON, international politics etc. not considered by larsons.
- (2) Almond & coleman negets this functional theory saying non-government power groups also has notes to play like political mobilisation, political recuritment, interest articulation and interest aggregation.

- is not only teleological but also tautological.

  2t is teleological because it considers functions of an institution like gont are fixed to goal attaintment, whereas it can also perform integration function.

  2t is tautological because it is uses similar concepts carrying different meanings in different contents.

  Thus larsonian theory is vague & abstract & needs
- (4) RK Herton and Ralf Dahrendorf say that it lays more focus on integration, continuity and stability in power structure than looking into conflict and maladjustment present in different power systems it doesn't look into functions, dysfunctions, non-functions and manifest, latent of power systems.

comprehension.

Thus no doubt Parsons theory try to capture maximum elements of power systems but it falls short to address the dynamism present in power relationships.

7. (b) The functional theories of religion has their own limitations in explaining the role of religion in society. Evaluate.

The functional theories of eveligion aim at considering how religion has functions to play in the society. such shearies are given by Durkheim, weber and Parsons.

(1) According to Durkheim religion is all about source things (things fourbidden and kept apart), belief and practices that are moral in character and bind people together into a single community, thus promoting social solidarity.

(2) weber talks about and how religious values help

to apperopriate substance and more towards capitalism

eg: brotestant ethis provides night kinds of values required for drive towards capitalism

(3) Parson says that religion has to play role of integration" in the grand social system to promote order and stabilty in the system.

### LIMITATIONS

- marx considers that such views are myopic and not looking into how religion is used to exploit the masses and it is creating only fabrified happiness, opisting the masses.
- (2) Similarly, as envisaged by R. K. Merton, these theories are not looking into dysfunction and non-functions of religion eg: religious conflicts, religious revivalism,

flydamentalism, communalism.

Neither are they explaining latent soles of religion. Runciman advocates that suligion is individual's quest for meaning and not about society/collective moralism as envisaged by functional theories.

similarly Rodney Stark advocates that facts are

used to fit into the theories and they are not looking into how religion is influencing to power structures.

- (5) Malinowski criticizes Durkheim over using religion in primitive society as unified religion but it is not so. As primitive societies have varieties of totemin, manaism, animism etc.
- (6) Ayal and Bellah viticizes & weber advocating that Japaness are mostly Buddhists yet experiencing capitalism. It is because of nationalism and not protestant ethics. Thus Weberian theory is highly myopic.
- (7) Similarly Parsonian theory is virticized to talk only about functional unity, universality & indispensability in the field of religion, rather than looking for functional variabilities or alternatives in religion.

show the bright side of religion fails to highlight the contest, contradiction and conflicts associated with religion.

7. (c) According to the recent findings, middle classes in India are excluding themselves from society. Critically examine the factors responsible for their self-exclusion.

mobility and using it to go for self of voluntary enclusion. This trend is gaining momentum accently especially after LPG reforms or economic liberalisation.

This liberalisation has increased middle class incomes, their standard of living, their consumption behaviour. As a execult of these changes the middle class is going for status supliffment.

Though they con't reach the upper class positions

they are using the opportunity to create a niche for themselves.

Eronk Parkin who advocates that middle classes go for dual closure is. violate themselves from upper and lower classes to weate a unique spea for themselves.

Thus Indian middle classes though going for self enclusion it is also because of - rejection by upper states of society

- (2) differential hopes and aspirations
- (3) latent desires to vieate identity for themselves
- (4) Establishing themselves as a status group
- (5) Get favours from gout and public policies
- (6) Occuenting their resources to be shared with other closses.
- (7) It gives psychic happiness and reduces fear of getting withered away at whims of upper class.

Thus all these reasons are responsible for their voluntaristic exclusion which may be functional or dysfunctional to therm is long term.

8. (a) Secularization theory was once the dominant sociological pattern of interpretation to describe and explain religious change in the modern period, however has lately been discredited. Comment

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