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**SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS**

**READINGS LIST**

Notes:

- ♦ The literature that has the highest priority for taking comprehensive exams (don't leave home for the exam without having read them!) are marked with an asterisk (\*).
- ♦ Sometimes the sections of the books that have higher priority are specified within brackets.
- ♦ Small print indicates secondary sources and further readings.

**I. PRESOCIOLOGICAL SOCIAL THOUGHT**

Aristotle.	<i>Politics*</i> .
Condorcet, Jean	<i>Sketch for a Historical Picture of the Progress of the Human Mind*</i> .
George Hegel	<i>Phenomenology of Spirit.</i>
Hobbes, Thomas	<i>Leviathan*</i> .
David Hume	<i>Essay Concerning Human Understanding.</i>
Kant Immanuel	<i>Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals.</i>
Khaldoun Ibn	<i>The Introduction.</i>
Locke John	<i>Second Treatise of Government.</i>
Machiavelli, Niccolo	<i>The Prince*</i> .
Montesquieu, Charles	<i>The Spirit of the Laws*</i> .
Plato	<i>The Republic.</i>
Rousseau, Jean-Jacques	<i>Social Contract*</i> .
Saint Augustine	<i>The City of God</i>
Saint-Simon, Henri de	<i>Social Organization*</i> .
Smith, Adam.	<i>The Theory of Moral Sentiments*</i> .
Tocqueville, Alexis de.	<i>Democracy in America.</i>

Vico Giambatista                    *The New Science of Giambatista Vico.*

## II. CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Bon, Gustave Le.                    *The Crowd*.\*.

Comte, Auguste.                    *The Course of Positive Philosophy*\*.  
*Auguste Comte and Positivism; The Positive Philosophy.*  
*The System of Positive Polity.*  
*Catechism of Positivism.*

Cooley, Charles.                    *Human Nature and the Social Order.*

Durkheim, Emile.                    *The Division of Labor in Society*\*.  
*The Rules of Sociological Method*\*.  
*Suicide*\*.  
*Elementary Forms of Religious Life*\*.

Freud, Sigmund.                    *Civilization and Its Discontents*\*.

Maciver, Ralph.                    *Social Causation.*

Malinowski, Bronislaw.            *A Scientific Theory of Culture*\*.

Mannheim, Karl.                    *Ideology and Utopia*\*.  
*Essays on the Sociology of Culture.*

Marx, Karl.                          *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*\*.  
*The German Ideology*\*.  
*The Manifesto of the Communist Party*\*.  
*The Eighteenth of Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*\*.

Mauss, Marcel.                    *The Gift*\*.

Mead, George.                    *Mind, Self, and Society*\*.  
*On Social Psychology.*

Michels, Robert.                    *Political Parties.*

Mill, John Stuart.                    *Auguste Comte And Positivism.*

Mosca Gaetano                    *The Ruling Class.*

Ogburn, William.                    *Social Change with Respect to Culture and Original Nature.*

Pareto, Vilfredo.                    *The Rise and Fall of Elites*\*.  
*General Sociology.*

Park, Robert.	<i>Society.</i>
Simmel, Georg.	<i>Conflict. The Web of Group Affiliations*.</i> <i>The Sociology of Georg Simmel*.</i> <i>On Individual and Social Forms.</i> <i>The Philosophy of Money.</i>
Sombart, Werner.	<i>The Quintessence Of Capitalism.</i>
Spencer, Herbert.	<i>Social Statics*.</i> <i>Principles of Sociology</i>
Spengler, Oswald.	<i>The Decline Of The West.</i>
Sumner William.	<i>Folkways and Mores.</i>
Tarde, Gabriel.	<i>Social Laws*</i>
Thomas, W. I.	<i>Social Behavior and Personality.</i>
Tönnies, Ferdinand.	<i>Community and Society* (Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft).</i>
Toynbee, Arnold.	<i>The Industrial Revolution.</i>
Veblen, Thorstein.	<i>The Theory of the Leisure Class*.</i>
Ward Lester.	<i>Dynamic Sociology.</i>
Weber, Marx.	<i>The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.</i> <i>The Methodology of the Social Sciences*.</i> <i>Economy and Society*.</i> <i>General Economic History.</i>

### III. CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Adorno, Theodor.	<i>Prisms.</i>
Adorno Theodor and Max Horkheimer.	<i>The Dialectic of the Enlightenment.</i>
Alexander, Jeffrey.	<i>Theoretical Logic in Sociology*.</i> <i>Neofunctionalism and after*.</i> <i>Twenty Lectures.</i> <i>Fin de Siecle Social Theory.</i>
Baudrillard, Jean.	<i>The Illusion Of The End*.</i> <i>Simulations.</i> <i>The Consumer Society.</i>

- In the Shadow of Silent Majorities.*
- Bauman, Zygmunt. *The Individualized Society\**.  
*Community\**  
*Postmodernity And Its Discontents.*  
*Intimations of Postmodernity.*
- Beck, Ulrich. *The Brave New World Of Work\**.  
*Risk Society.*
- Bell Daniel. *The Coming Of Post-Industrial Society.*  
*The Cultural Contradictions Of Capitalism.*
- Berger, Peter and  
Thomas Luckman. *The Social Construction of Reality.*
- Blau, Peter. *Exchange and Power in Social Life.*
- Blumer, Herbert. *Symbolic Interactionism\**.
- Bourdieu, Pierre. *Outline of a Theory of Practice\**.  
*Acts of Resistance\**.  
*Pascalian Meditations\**  
*The Distinction.*
- Coleman, James. *Foundations of Social Theory\**.
- Collins, Randall. *Theoretical Sociology\**.  
*Conflict Sociology.*
- Dahrendorf, Ralph. *Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Society\**.  
*Essays in the Theory of Society\**.
- Elias Norbert *The Civilizing Process.*
- Fromm, Erich. *The Sane Society.*
- Foucault, Michel. *The Archaeology of Knowledge.*  
*Discipline and Punish.*
- Garfinkel, Harold. *Studies in Ethnomethodology.*
- Giddens, Anthony. *The Constitution of Society\**.  
*New Rules of Sociological Method\**.  
*The Third Way\**  
*The Third Way And Its Critics\**  
*Modernity and Self-Identity.*

- Goffman, Erving. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life\**.  
*Asylums*.  
*Stigma*.  
*Frame Analysis*.
- Gouldner, Alvin. *The Coming Crisis of Western Sociology*.
- Gramsci Antonio. *Prison Notebooks*.
- Habermas, Jurgen. *Legitimation Crisis\**.  
*The Postnational Constellation\**.  
*The Theory of Communicative Action*.
- Homans, George. *Social Behavior\**.  
*The Human Group*.
- Horkheimer, Max. *Critical Theory*.
- Horkheimer, Max  
and Theodor Adorno. *Aspects of Sociology*.
- Kuhn, Thomas. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*.
- Lenski, Gerhard. *Power and Privilege\**.
- Levi-Strauss, Claude. *The Elementary Structures Of Kinship*.
- Luhmann, Niklas. *Social Systems\**.
- Lukacs Georg. *History and Class Consciousness*.
- Marcuse, Herbert. *Reason and Revolution*.  
*One-Dimensional Man*.
- Merton, Robert. *Social Theory and Social Structure\**.  
*Sociological Ambivalence*.
- Mills, C. Wright. *The Power Elite\**.  
*The Sociological Imagination*.  
*White Collar*.
- Parsons, Talcott. *The Structure of Social Action\**.  
*The Social System\**.  
*Essays in Sociological Theory*.  
*Evolution of Societies*.
- Parsons, Talcott  
and Neil Smelser. *Economy and Society*.

- Popper, Karl. *The Logic of Scientific Discovery.*
- Schutz, Alfred. *The Phenomenology of the Social World\**.
- Smelser, Neil. *Problematics of Sociology\**.
- Sorokin, Pitirim. *Social & Cultural Dynamics\**.  
*Contemporary Sociological Theories.*
- Wrong, Dennis. *Power\**.  
*The Problem of Order.*