

FEDERATION COMPREHENSIVE THEORY EXAMINATION

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BEFORE BEGINNING:

Read through the questions and instructions so that you may make wise use of your choices and time.

Try to focus on the intent of the questions and approach them as comprehensively as time allows.

You will have until 5:00 p.m. to complete the examination. You should spend approximately half of your time on Parts I and II (two questions) and half of your time on Part III (three questions). The questions of Part III are intended to be more focused and topically limited.

PLEASE **DOUBLE-SPACE** YOUR ANSWERS. THE BEGINNING OF EACH ANSWER SHOULD START AT THE TOP OF A NEW PAGE AND BE CLEARLY NUMERED.

Do not put your name on your paper. Use your assigned number, which is _____.

Part I. BROAD SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS – Choose and write on one question

1. Compare and contrast TWO classical and TWO contemporary sociological theories of *pre-modern, modern and post-modern societies*.
2. Compare and contrast TWO classical and TWO contemporary sociological theories of *social rationalization and differentiation*.
3. Compare and contrast TWO classical and TWO contemporary sociological theories of *political democracy and culture*.
4. Compare and contrast TWO classical and TWO contemporary sociological theories of *social institutions and rules*.
5. Compare and contrast TWO classical and TWO contemporary sociological theories of *world society and globalization*.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL THOUGHT--Choose and write on one question

1. Discuss the influence of TWO classical on TWO contemporary theories of *sociological laws*.

2. Discuss the influence of TWO classical on TWO contemporary theories of *social order*.

3. Discuss the influence of TWO classical on TWO contemporary theories of *social revolution*.

4. Discuss the influence of TWO classical on TWO contemporary theories in *sociology of knowledge*.

5. Discuss the influence of TWO classical on TWO contemporary theories in *political sociology*.

III. SHORT QUESTIONS-- Choose and write on three (3) questions

1. Briefly discuss Comte's hierarchy of positive sciences.
2. Briefly discuss Spencer's opposition between militant and industrial society.
3. Briefly discuss Marx's typology of social classes in history.
4. Briefly discuss Weber's distinction between traditional and modern capitalism.
5. Briefly discuss Durkheim's concept of collective conscience.
6. Briefly discuss Pareto's idea of the circulation of elites.
7. Briefly discuss Mannheim's contrast between ideology and utopia.
8. Briefly discuss Mead's concept of the generalized other.
9. Briefly discuss Malinowski's functionalist theory of culture.
10. Briefly discuss Sorokin's types of cultural integration.
11. Briefly discuss Parsons' elements of social action (unit-act).
12. Briefly discuss Merton's theory of social anomie.
13. Briefly discuss Dahrendorf's theory of class and class conflict.
14. Briefly discuss Bourdieu's concept of symbolic capital.
15. Briefly discuss Giddens' idea of the duality of structure.
16. Briefly discuss Smelser's definition of mesosociology.
17. Briefly discuss Habermas' notion of the lifeworld.
18. Briefly discuss the idea of risk society.
19. Briefly discuss the Thomas sociological theorem.
20. Briefly discuss Blumer's symbolic interactionism.