

Federation 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, page one (two questions), and half of your time on Part III, page two (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 Perspective Comparisons. Choose one.

- I. - 1. Compare and contrast modern and post-modern approaches to sociological theory.
- I. - 2. Discuss and compare a classical and a contemporary sociological theory that elaborates on the relations between the individual and society.
- I. - 3. Compare a critical and a functionalist theory of class/stratification.
- I. - 4. Compare and contrast classical sociological theories dealing with the emergence of modern industrial society.

Part II. History and Development of Thought. Choose one.

- II. - 5. Discuss how the doctrine of ‘human progress’ manifests itself in the work of two 18th or 19th century social thinkers.
- II. - 6. Compare and contrast the impact of social conditions on sociological paradigms prior to and after WW II.
- II. - 7. Trace the historical development of a substantive theory of your choice, for example, social change, deviance, or race and ethnicity.
- II. - 8. Discuss the impact of one of the first generation of European sociologists (Saint Simon, Comte, Spencer, Marx) on one of later classical sociologists—Durkheim, Weber, Simmel, Tonnies.

Part III. Short Answer. Choose three.

- III. - 9. Identify Marx’s stages in the development of society.
- III. - 10. What is difference between Weber’s instrumental and value rationality?
- III. - 11. Compare Spencer’s militant and industrial society.
- III. – 12. Compare and contrast the ideas of alienation (Marx), anomie (Durkheim) and disenchantment (Weber).
- III. - 13. Compare and contrast Habermas’ instrumental and communicative action.

- III. - 14. Briefly define three types of capital or power in Bourdieu.
- III. - 15. Compare the ideas of Homans on human behavior as exchange with those of Mauss or Simmel.
- III. - 16. Briefly discuss the influence of Max Weber on Parsons and C. W. Mills.
- III. - 17. Discuss the contribution of Harriet Martineau to the development of sociology, apart from her translation of the work of Comte in English.
- III. - 18. What evidence is there to support the argument that women were left out of the history of early US sociology?
- III. - 19. Explain what you see as the enduring analytical strength of Marxism.
- III. - 20. Explain a contribution to symbolic interaction theory in the work of one of the following: W. I. Thomas, Herbert Blumer, Edwin Lemert and Howard Becker.
- III. - 21. Describe a contribution to sociological theory associated with the work of one of the following: Herbert Marcuse, Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer.
- III. - 22. Describe an empirical work that represents grounded theory as a product of that work.
- III. - 23. Briefly describe Parsons' AGIL model.
- III. - 24. Briefly describe one of the following concepts of Goffman: total institutions, impression management, stigma, backstage behavior.
- III. - 25. What is the stated purpose of Garfinkel's breaching experiments?
- III. - 26. Briefly describe two contributions of Robert Park to American sociology.