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(November)

SOCIOLOGY

(Major)

Course : 302

(Sociology of Social Change)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer from the options given below : 1×8=8
- (a) "Social change is a term used to describe variations in, or modifications of, any aspect of social processes, social patterns, social interaction or social organization." Who said this?
- (i) Merrill and Eldredge
 - (ii) H. M. Johnson
 - (iii) Jones

- (b) "Social change is necessary in order to maintain the equilibrium of a society." This view is associated with
- (i) evolutionary theory
 - (ii) functionalist theory
 - (iii) conflict theory
- (c) Who wrote the book, *Social Change in India*?
- (i) B. Kappuswamy
 - (ii) G. R. Madan
 - (iii) D. Jena and U. Mahapatra
- (d) Which aspect of Indian Caste System is static in nature?
- (i) Fixed occupation
 - (ii) Caste endogamy
 - (iii) Birth determined
- (e) The changes occurred in the beliefs, practices and rituals in marriage system is an example of
- (i) structural change
 - (ii) institutional change
 - (iii) functional change
- (f) Which of the following is not a natural cause of demographic change in Assam?
- (i) High birthrate
 - (ii) Low death rate
 - (iii) Immigration

(g) If a society attains the capacity to meet the basic human needs of its citizens, establish the building blocks that allow citizens and communities to enhance and sustain the quality of their lives and create the conditions for all individuals to reach their full potential. It is called

(i) social change

(ii) social progress

(iii) evolution

(h) Which of the following is not an obstacle to social change?

(i) Unpredictability

(ii) Illiteracy

(iii) Lack of industrialization

2. Write on any *four* of the following in precise (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16

(a) Features of social change

(b) The cyclical theory of social change

(c) Industrialization and social change

(d) Interrelationship between education and social change

(e) Westernization as a process of social change

(f) Political obstacles to social change

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions
(**within 500 words** each) : 14×4=56
- (a) What is the sociological meaning of social change? Discuss various dimensions of social change with suitable examples. 6+8=14
- (b) "Legislation is a factor of social change." Critically discuss the statement from your understanding. 14
- (c) Critically analyze the evolutionary theory of social change. 14
- (d) What is Sanskritization? How is Sanskritization responsible for the changes occurred in the caste system in India? Justify. 4+10=14
- (e) Critically examine the cultural obstacles to social change with suitable examples from Assamese society. 14
- (f) Write a critical note on conceptual interpretation of secularism from intellectual debate in sociological discourse. 14
