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3 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 5

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SOCIOLOGY

(Core)

Paper : C-5

(Political Sociology)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×8=8

(a) Which theory of Marx laid the foundation for the sociology of politics?

(i) Economic determinism

(ii) Surplus value

(iii) Alienation

(iv) None of the above

(b) Political Sociology as a distinct subject emerged in

(i) 1920s

(ii) 1980s

(iii) 1990s

(iv) 1950s

- (c) Which of the following statements is true?
- (i) Authority is sometimes based on customs and traditions which are long established.
 - (ii) People may obey authority due to the charisma possessed by the person in authority.
 - (iii) Legal-rational authority is legal because it is supported by existing laws.
 - (iv) All of the above
- (d) Which of the following is not a source of acquiring legitimacy?
- (i) Good governance
 - (ii) Democracy
 - (iii) Economic performance
 - (iv) Dictatorship
- (e) Which sociologist sees Power as, 'the ability to make a difference', to change things from what they would otherwise have been?
- (i) Max Weber
 - (ii) Foucault
 - (iii) Anthony Giddens
 - (iv) Karl Marx
- (f) A pressure group is distinct from a political party in as much as it does not directly
- (i) contest elections

- (ii) finance a candidate
 - (iii) propagate a policy
 - (iv) resort to mobilization of opinion
- (g) 'The Theory of Ruling Class' is related to
- (i) social change
 - (ii) political party
 - (iii) liberty
 - (iv) elite
- (h) The form of power considered legitimate is
- (i) authority
 - (ii) political party
 - (iii) welfare state
 - (iv) sovereignty

2. Answer/Write short notes on any *four* of the following (**within 150 words** each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$

- (a) Give Max Weber's views on 'Authority'.
- (b) Scope of Political Sociology
- (c) Differentiate between power and authority.
- (d) Differentiate between democratic and totalitarian political system.
- (e) Relation and differences between Political Science and Political Sociology
- (f) Merits of liberal democracy
- (g) Functions of pressure groups

3. Answer any *four* from the following questions

(**within 500 words** each) : $14 \times 4 = 56$

- (a) Define Political Sociology. Discuss the emergence and development of Political Sociology. $4+5+5=14$
- (b) What is state? Critically discuss the social contact theory of origin of state. $4+7+3=14$
- (c) Critically discuss the different theories of nature of state. $2+12=14$
- (d) What do you mean by Elites and Ruling Classes? Discuss Pareto and Bottomore's view on Elites and Ruling Classes. $4+5+5=14$
- (e) What is political system? Critically discuss democratic political system of your society. $4+10=14$
- (f) What is totalitarian political system? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of totalitarian political system. $4+5+5=14$
- (g) Discuss the politics behind declaration of Sixth Schedule to Northeastern States and the justifications for the inclusion of Sixth Schedule in the Indian Constitution. 14
- (h) Define power. Discuss Max Weber and Anthony Giddens' view on power. $4+10=14$
