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**MA Semester Examinations**  
**Study of Sociological Text**  
**Course Code: MSO23501T**

**Full Marks – 50**

**Time –2 hours**

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*The figure in the margin indicates full marks for the questions.*

Answer ALL questions  
(10 x 1 mark = 10 marks)

1.
  - i. What does the term 'gender role' refer to?
    - a) Biological differences between males and females
    - b) Socially constructed behaviour and expectations associated with being male or female
    - c) Genetic predispositions determining one's gender identity
    - d) Political movements advocating for gender equality
  - ii. Who were the authors advocating for the empowerment of women in their work 'The Subjection of Women'?
    - a) John Stuart Mill and Harriet Taylor Mill
    - b) Mary Wollstonecraft and Karl Marx
    - c) Simone de Beauvoir and Friedrich Engels
    - d) Virginia Woolf and John Locke
  - iii. What does age stratification refer to in society?
    - a) Division of society based on income levels
    - b) Categorization of individuals based on their educational backgrounds
    - c) Segregation of people into different age groups with varying access to resources and opportunities
    - d) Allocation of resources based on gender differences
  - iv. Who authored the book 'Gender Trouble'?
    - a) Judith Butler
    - b) Simone de Beauvoir
    - c) Gloria Steinem
    - d) Bell Hooks

- v. Norms in society refer to:
- a) Accepted standards of behaviour and conduct in a given social group
  - b) The economic rules and regulations imposed by the government
  - c) The physical boundaries within which individuals operate
  - d) The religious beliefs shared by a community
- vi. Who gave the concepts of primary and secondary groups?
- a) Herbert Spencer
  - b) Charles H Cooley
  - c) P.A Sorokin
  - d) Max Weber
- vii. Who introduced the concept of 'cultural lag' to describe the time it takes for society's beliefs and values to catch up with technological advancements?
- a) Talcott Parsons
  - b) Auguste Comte
  - c) William F Ogburn
  - d) William G Sumner
- viii. Who gave the concept of 'folkways' in sociology?
- a) Emile Durkheim
  - b) Robert K Merton
  - c) William Graham Sumner
  - d) A.R Radcliffe-Brown
- ix. Which of the following is an example of a reference group?
- a) Family
  - b) Strangers on a bus
  - c) Acquaintances at work
  - d) Celebrities on TV
- x. What is the primary focus of epistemology?
- a) The study of ethical principles
  - b) The nature and scope of knowledge
  - c) The analysis of economic systems
  - d) The study of human behaviour

Answer ANY TWO questions  
(2 x 5 marks = 10 marks)  
(Word limit- 200 – 250 words)

2. Define the concepts of society and community. How do these two concepts differ from each other? (2+3)
3. What is sociological imagination? Explain its significance. (2+3)
4. Briefly describe the queer theory and its principles.
5. Differentiate between role and status, highlighting their distinct functions within society?

Answer ANY THREE questions

(3 x 10 marks = 30 marks)

(Word limit- 450 - 500 words)

6. What is migration? Highlight its four main patterns. (2+8)
7. What do you mean by culture? Mention its characteristics and explain its types. (2+4+4)
8. Discuss at least three different types of feminism and how each type addresses gender issues.
9. What is social stratification? Discuss two types of stratification. (2+4+4)
10. What are folkways and mores? Give examples of each and explain how they shape people's behaviour in society. (4+6)