

## PHD SOCIOLOGY (Sample Admission Test)

Total Marks = 70

Objective = 20 Marks (Time = 20 minutes)

Subjective = 50 Marks (Time = 100 minutes)

### Objective

A. Please answer the following MCQs by selecting the most appropriate response. Circle the correct answer only. Each of these contains 1 Mark.

- \_\_\_\_\_ proposed, in *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, the idea that the ideology of Calvinism promoted the development of capitalism.
  - Emile Durkheim
  - Marvin Harris
  - Karl Marx
  - Max Weber
- \_\_\_\_\_ theorists see education as a means for maintaining the status quo by producing the kinds of people the system needs.
  - Conflict
  - Functionalist
  - Interactionist
  - Symbolic
- What was Georg Simmel's (1950) contribution to the study of groups?
  - He coined the terms of primary and secondary groups.
  - He studied the effects of group behavior on individuals' psychology.
  - He suggested that small groups have distinctive qualities and patterns of interaction that disappear when the group grows larger.
  - He was the pioneer sociologist who worked on reference group.
- Which of the major theories in sociology would be most interested in studying overarching social problems such as political arguments between the rich, upper class and the poor, lower class?
  - structural-functional theory
  - parallel universe theory
  - social conflict theory
  - symbolic interactionism theory
- What is the function of sociological theory?
  - To control people's behavior in large groups
  - To explain social behavior in the real world
  - To promote peace and harmony throughout the world
  - To determine the correct research methodology that should be used
- Which is an example of the McDonaldization of society?
  - A person obtains cash from an automatic teller machine.
  - A couple negotiate the particulars of a vacation with a travel agent.
  - A professor tailors an exam to the unique needs of each student.
  - A traveler spends the night at a local bed and breakfast.
- According to Weber, which accounts for the Protestant work ethic?
  - Most religions claimed that much of human suffering is just punishment from God. Therefore, people hoped for a better life in the after world.
  - Christians believed that their numbers would grow if they formed large corporations. There, increasing numbers of Americans worked for these companies.
  - Early Calvinists believed that prosperity was sign of God's favor. Therefore, they were willing to work hard in order to accumulate wealth.

- d. Nineteenth century preachers taught that the more people worked, the richer they would become. Therefore, as people's wealth increased, they donated more to the church.
8. In Karl Marx's view, the destruction of the capitalist system will occur only if the working class first develops:
- bourgeois consciousness.
  - false consciousness.
  - class consciousness.
  - caste consciousness.
9. An inductive theory is one that:
- Involves testing an explicitly defined hypothesis
  - Does not allow for findings to feed back into the stock of knowledge
  - Uses quantitative methods whenever possible
  - Allows theory to emerge out of the data
10. The qualitative research strategy places a value on:
- Using numbers, measurements and statistical techniques
  - Generating theories through inductive research about social meanings
  - Conducting research that is of a very high quality
  - All of the above
11. If a study is "reliable", this means that:
- It was conducted by a reputable researcher who can be trusted
  - The measures devised for concepts are stable on different occasions
  - The findings can be generalized to other social settings
  - The methods are stated clearly enough for the research to be replicated
12. In an experimental design, the dependent variable is:
- The one that is not manipulated and in which any changes are observed
  - The one that is manipulated in order to observe any effects on the other
  - A measure of the extent to which personal values affect research
  - An ambiguous concept whose meaning depends on how it is defined
13. What is a cross-sectional design?
- A study of one particular section of society, e.g. the middle classes
  - One that is devised when the researcher is in a bad mood
  - The collection of data from more than one case at one moment in time
  - A comparison of two or more variables over a long period of time
14. Panel and cohort designs differ, in that:
- Cohort studies involve quantitative research, whereas panel studies are qualitative
  - A panel study does not need rules to handle new entrants to households
  - Only a cohort study will suffer from sample attrition
  - A panel study can distinguish between age effects and cohort effects, but a cohort design can only detect ageing effects
15. Cross cultural studies are an example of:
- Case study design
  - Comparative design
  - Experimental design
  - Longitudinal design
16. What was suggested by Weber to be employed for empathetically understanding the social phenomena?
- Anomie
  - Verstehen
  - Sociological Imagination
  - Ideal Types

17. In Talcott Parsons's work, the behavioral organism handles the \_\_\_\_\_ function.
- a. Integrative                      b. Exploitative                      c. Reproductive                      d. Adaptation
18. Weber was interested in the general issue of why institutions in the Western world had grown progressively more:
- a. Rational                      b. Irrational                      c. Corrupt                      d. Powerful
19. In Schutz's theory, the world in which the taken-for-granted takes place is known as the:
- b. Future world                      b. Past world                      c. Present world                      d. Life world
20. The second stage of Mead's act is called \_\_\_\_\_. In it, actors search for and react to stimuli.
- c. Impulse                      b. Manipulation                      c. Perception                      d. Consumption

### Subjective

**B. Attempt any TWO of the following questions using relevant headings. Please use the Answer sheet to write.**

1. Conflict theory focuses on conflicts between the interests of different socioeconomic groups. According to conflict theory, what part does nationalism play in this conflict? Do you think conflict theory applies to ethnic nationalism in Pakistan? **(25 Marks)**
2. Using Sociological research methods, design a study to understand the role of electronic media in Pakistani society. Define your research question and objectives. Briefly describe what would be your research method, sampling technique, Universe/sample, unit of analysis, data analysis techniques and possible research outcomes. **(25 Marks)**
3. Using Sociological research methods, design a study to explore the issue of impact of suicide bombing on Pakistani society. Define your research question and objectives. Briefly describe what would be your research method, sampling technique, Universe/sample, unit of analysis, data analysis techniques and possible research outcomes. **(25 Marks)**