

School of Liberal Education

Department of Humanities
Mid Term Examination

Exam Date: 26 Sep 2023
Time : 90 Minutes
Marks : 50

Sem V - K1UE501T - Pioneers of Western Sociological Thought

*Your answer should be specific to the question asked
Draw neat labeled diagrams wherever necessary*

- 1) How did Auguste Comte label the different stages of societal development in his theory of historical progression? K2 (2)
- 2) What was Herbert Spencer's stance on social change and evolution? K1 (3)
- 3) Interpret Emile Durkheim's perspective on the role of education in promoting social solidarity. K2 (4)
- 4) Define the evolutionary approach to society as proposed by Herbert Spencer. K2 (6)
- 5) Assess the relevance of Spencer's views on individualism in understanding modern concepts of personal freedom. K3 (6)
- 6) Relate the intellectual and social context of the time to Auguste Comte's motivation for establishing sociology as a distinct discipline. K3 (9)
- 7) How did A.R. Radcliffe Brown emphasize the importance of social institutions in his structural functionalist approach? K4 (8)
- 8) Analyze the implications of Herbert Spencer's emphasis on individualism for social cohesion and community values. K4 (12)

OR

Compare Malinowski's functionalist theory with another anthropological theory that focuses on symbolic meanings. K4 (12)