

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO- SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS
THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS- SEMESTER I-2016-2017
PSC -3148 –MAIN CURRENTS IN POLITICAL & SOCIAL THEORY-I
Time – Two (02) Hours

Answer any **four (04)** questions only

Each answer will carry a maximum of **fifteen (15)** marks

- 1 (a) Explain what Auguste Comte meant by “positive science”.
(b) What did Auguste Comte say about the law of the three stages and the progress of scientific inquiry?
- 2 (a) Examine the notion of “Social Facts” presented by Emile Durkheim
(b) Explain the ideas presented by Emile Durkheim on the transition of primitive mechanical societies into modern organic societies
- 3 “Suicide reflects a pathological condition of the society”. Examine this statement with reference to the ideas presented by Emile Durkheim on Suicide.
- 4 Identify the philosophical principles used by Karl Marx in analyzing the socio-economic evolution in Western Europe.
- 5 Explain the types of rationalities identified by Max Weber in analyzing the psychophysical behavior of the Western man.
- 6 Write notes on any two (2) of the following
 - (a) Marxist explanation of surplus value
 - (b) Marx’s explanation of ‘class conflict’ and ‘revolution’
 - (c) Max Weber’s analysis of ‘Authority’
 - (d) The ideal type of bureaucracy presented by Max Weber