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Semester I Examination

PgDEM 5303 – Introduction to Sociology

(Time – 03 Hours)

Answer any **FOUR (04)** questions only.

- (1) [08 Marks]
(a) Define what Sociology is?
(b) How sociology differ from 'commonsense understanding' of the Human behavior? [08 Marks]
(c) Explain different between Modern and Post-modern Societies. [09 Marks]
- (2) Briefly define the following Sociological concepts:
(a) Social Action
(b) Social Interaction
(c) Social Relationships
(d) Social Role and status
(e) Social Structure [05 Marks each]
- (3)
(a) Explain the deference between 'natural' and 'built' environment with relevant examples [12.5 Marks]
(b) Why sociologists are interested in the interaction between society and environment? [12.5 Marks]
- (4) [05 Marks]
(a) What is sociological research?
(b) Explain qualitative and quantitative approaches in social research with examples. [10 Marks]
(c) What is methodology? and provide five examples of qualitative data collection methods? [10 Marks]

(5)

- (a) What is Socialization? Explain positive and negative socialization [08 Marks]
- (b) Explain material culture and non-material culture with examples [08 Marks]
- (c) Why social norms and values are important in a society? [09 Marks]

(6)

- (a) What are the major differences between social science and natural sciences? [10 Marks]
- (b) List out five major subjects of social sciences? [7.5 Marks]
- (c) What are the major factors that leads to origin of Sociology as a subject in Europe? [7.5 Marks]

(7) Define the following Sociological concepts with examples:

- (a) Extend and Nuclear families
- (b) Religion
- (c) Marriage and Kinships
- (d) Major Social Institutions [6.25 marks will be provided for each answer]