

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO- SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS- SEMESTER I- 2021/2022

PSC 3148 – Main Currents in Political & Social Theory 1

Answer **three (03)** questions only

Each answer will carry a maximum twenty (20) marks

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1. (a) Discuss Aguste Comte's position on the role of sociology  
(b) Explain Aguste Comte's concept of hierarchy of sciences
  
2. **Either**  
Explain the main elements of Emile Durkheim's analysis of social transformation.  
**Or**  
Review the statement below,  
'Emile Durkheim considered suicide as a social phenomenon'.
  
3. Examine the Marxist theory on class struggle, revolution and dictatorship of proletariat.
  
4. a. What did Max Weber identify as the causes of transformation from traditional society into a modern society?  
b. Explain the 'types of rationality' put forwarded by Max Weber.
  
5. Discuss comparatively the similarities and differences among the 'types of authority' presented by Max Weber.
  
6. Writes notes on any **two (02)** of the following topics  
(a) Aguste Comte's view on the positivist stages of human knowledge  
(b) Emile Durkheim's concept of social facts  
(c) Marxist concept of alienation  
(d) Marxist concepts of dialectical materialism and historical materialism  
(e) Main elements of Max Weber's bureaucracy

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