

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER I – 2017/2018

PSC 3148 – Main Currents in Political & Social Theory I

Time: Two (02) Hours

Answer only **three (03)** Questions.

Each answer will carry a maximum of **twenty (20)** marks.

- (1) What is the position of Auguste Comte on the methodological orientation of sociological studies? Explain.
- (2) Examine Auguste Comte's explanation of the evolution of human knowledge throughout the human history.
- (3) (a) Explain what Emile Durkheim meant by social facts.
(b) Identify Emile Durkheim's basic assumptions of social transformation from a mechanical solidarity to an organic solidarity.
- (4) Explain the major findings of Emile Durkheim in his extensive study on suicide in the late 19th century in Western Europe.
- (5) What are the main aspects of Karl Marx' critique of capitalist social relations? Analyze.
- (6) Critically analyze Max Weber's account of rationalization and bureaucracy in modern capitalist societies.
- (7) Compare and contrast Karl Marx' and Max Weber's theories of the origin of capitalism.