

SWAR01-Syllabus

- a) Karl Marx: Historical materialism, alienation and class struggle.
- b) Emile Durkheim: Division of labour, social fact, religion and society, suicide.
- c) Max Weber: Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
- d) Talcott Parsons: Social system, pattern variables.
- e) Robert K. Merton: Latent and manifest functions, anomie, conformity and deviance, reference groups



Question	Marks Allotted	Word Limit	Time Limit (in minutes)
1. Durkheim was more right than ever in contemporary times when he says "Suicide rate is directly proportional to Individualization of Society". Critically Analyse.	20	250	12-14
2. "Religion shapes the economic destiny of an individual". Elaborate in light of Weberian view.	20	250	12-14
3. Ideal types of Max Weber are mental constructs; they don't correspond to reality. Elucidate with examples.	20	250	12-14
4. What do you understand by latent and manifest function? Explain the concepts citing examples as used by Merton in his seminal work.	20	250	12-14
5. Critically Analyse Talcott Parsons conception of pattern variables.	20	250	12-14
6. The bureaucracy is a circle from which no one can escape. Comment.	20	250	12-14
7. Explain the following: - a) Anomie b) Conformity and Deviance	30	450	18-21