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Teaching Plan: Classical Sociological Thinker (SOC-501) SEM-V

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SCHOOL: (SOHSS) SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES		Academic Session: 2024 – 2025		For Students' Batch: 2022-2025	
1	Course No.	SOC-501			
2	Course Title	Classical Sociological Thinker			
3	Credits	1+1			
4	Learnin g Hours	Contact Hours		72	
		Assessment		9	
		Guided Study		9	
		Total hours		90	
5	Course Objective	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To demonstrate the concept of positivism. To be familiar with the division of labour of the society To figure out the concept of suicide as a social fact 			
6	Course Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be able to identify Law of Statics and Dynamics Students will comprehend basic concept of Social fact Students will understand Social Action 			
7	Outline syllabus:				
7.01	Paper Code	Unit	Introduction	Page Numbers	Lectures
7.02		Unit I	August Comte <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Law of Three Stages Hierarchy of Sciences Positivism Law of Statics and Dynamics 	2-6 6-11 12-16 17-20	2 3
		Unit II	Karl Marx– <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Theory Of Class Struggle Theory Of Capitalism Dialectical Materialism Concept Of Alienation 	21-28 29-47 48-53 54-65 66-68	2 2 1 2 1
		Unit III	EMILE DURKHEIM <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Social fact Division of labour Theory of religion Le Suicide 	72-78 79-112 115-123 125-134	2 3 2 1
		Unit IV	MAX WEBER <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ideal type Theory of Social Action Sociology of Religion 	182-184 185-189 190-195	2 2 2

8	Course Evaluation	
8.1	CA: 10%	
8.1.1	Attendance	25 %
8.1.2	Homework	2 Assignments, 50%
8.1.3	Quizzes	2 Quizzes, 25%
8.1.4	Projects	1
8.1.5	Presentation	Group presentation-1 Individual presentation-1
8.2	MTE	10%
8.3	End-term examination: 50%	
9	Text Books & References	
9.1	Text book	1.M. Francis Abraham - Modern Sociological Theory-An Introduction
9.2	References	1. George Ritzer Classical Sociological Theory (Sixth Edition) (Indian Edition) 2. Coser Lewis A -Sociological Theory Paperback – 1 January 2021
9.3	Video References	1. Hierarchy Of Sciences- https://youtu.be/Hf-gIcsEdUo 2. Dialectical Materialism- https://youtu.be/bGPSKZgFH70 3. Ideal type - https://youtu.be/Qtbe0jQxK0I

Question Bank

Short Answer (2 marks)

1. What is the Law of Three Stages?
2. Define Positivism.
3. What is Comte's Hierarchy of Sciences?
4. What is the theory of class struggle?
5. Define dialectical materialism.
6. What does Marx mean by the concept of alienation?
7. What is a social fact?
8. Define the division of labor according to Durkheim.
9. What is Durkheim's theory of religion?
10. What is an ideal type?
11. Define Weber's theory of social action.
12. What is Weber's sociology of religion?

Medium Answer (5 marks)

1. Explain the theological stage in Comte's Law of Three Stages.
2. Describe the concept of social statics according to Comte.
3. How does Comte's hierarchy of sciences progress from simple to complex?

4. Explain Marx's view on capitalism.
5. Describe the role of the proletariat in Marx's theory of class struggle.
6. How does Marx's concept of alienation relate to labor?
7. Explain the significance of social facts in Durkheim's sociology.
8. Describe Durkheim's view on the division of labor in modern societies.
9. Summarize the main findings of Durkheim's study in "Le Suicide."
10. Explain the role of ideal types in Weber's sociological analysis.
11. Describe Weber's concept of rationalization.
12. Summarize Weber's view on the Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.

Long Answer (10 marks)

1. Discuss the significance of the Law of Three Stages in understanding societal development.
2. Explain Comte's Law of Dynamics and how it differs from Statics.
3. Evaluate the impact of Comte's Positivism on modern social sciences.
4. Analyze the importance of Comte's Hierarchy of Sciences in the development of sociological theory.
5. Discuss the implications of Marx's theory of capitalism on modern economic systems.
6. Analyze the concept of dialectical materialism and its importance in Marxist theory.
7. Explain how Marx's theory of class struggle is relevant in today's society.
8. Evaluate the concept of alienation and its impact on workers in a capitalist society.
9. Discuss Durkheim's theory of religion and its role in society.
10. Analyze the concept of social facts and how they shape individual behavior.
11. Explain the relationship between the division of labor and social cohesion in Durkheim's work.
12. Evaluate the contribution of Durkheim's "Le Suicide" to the understanding of social phenomena.
13. Discuss the significance of Weber's theory of social action in understanding human behavior.
14. Analyze the role of religion in Weber's sociology.
15. Explain Weber's concept of bureaucracy and its implications for modern organizations.
16. Evaluate the impact of Weber's ideas on the development of sociological theory and practice.