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**Course: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY-I (9434) Semester: SPRING, 2025**

**Level: BS**

**Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, BEd, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).**

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.

2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.

3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guide or allied material.

4. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.

5. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.

6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.

7. Late assignments can’t be uploaded at LMS.

8. The students who attempt their assignments in Urdu/Arabic may upload a scanned copy of their handwritten assignments (in PDF format) on University LMS. The size of the file should not exceed 5MP.

**Total marks: 100 Pass marks: 50 Assignment No. 1**

**(UNIT 1-4)**

***Note: All Assignments will be uploaded on LMS.***

Q. 1 How did the French Revolution influence sociological theory, and what is the relationship between Enlightenment ideas and the revolutionary ideologies that emerged during this period? (20)

Q. 2 What are the differences between formative theory, substantive theory, and positive theory in sociology? (20)

Q.3 How did Herbert Spencer's beliefs about inheritance differ from Darwin's, and what societal traits did he think were passed down? (20)

Q. 4 How does functionalism view society, and what analogies do early functionalists draw to explain this perspective? (20)

Q. 5 What are the three characteristics of social facts according to Emile Durkheim, and how do they contribute to social order? (20)

**Total marks: 100 Pass marks: 50**

**Assignment No. 2**

**(UNIT 5-9)**

Q. 1 What is the significance of middle-range theories in Merton's approach to sociology? Explain in detail. (20)

Q. 2 How does Marx's theory explain the relationship between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, and what role does economic determinism play in this context? (20)

Q. 3 How does C. Wright Mills’ Power Elite Theory explain the concentration of power in society? Explain in detail with examples. (20)

Q. 4 How does Weber distinguish between goal rational, value rational, affective, and traditional social actions? Provide examples of each. (20)

Q. 5 What are the key contributions of Mead, Blumer, and Goffman to micro-level sociology? (20)