

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2025

(1st Year, 2nd Semester)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Subject Code : SOC/PG/2.1

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

Time : Two Hours

Full Marks : 30

Answer *either* in English *or* in Bengali.

Answer *any two* questions.

1. What are the key structural and processual dimensions of social stratification ? Analyse, after Dipankar Gupta, the shift from hierarchy to difference in understanding social stratification. 7+8=15
2. Explain the functionalist perspective on social stratification as developed by Davis-Moore thesis, Critically evaluate Melvin Tumin's critique of this perspective and its implications for understanding inequality. 8+7=15
3. Examine Amartya Sen's approach to capability deprivation as a form of social exclusion. How does this framework reconceptualize the understanding of poverty and inequality? 7+8=15
4. Write a short notes on *any two* of the following : 7.5 × 2 = 15
 - (a) Weber's concept of class, status and party
 - (b) The myth of natural inequality
 - (c) Procedural Republic
 - (d) Identity politics and social exclusion

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