

B. ENGG. 1ST YEAR 2ND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2017

HUMANITIES/HUMANITIES A

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 100

(50 marks for each part)

Use a separate answer-script for each part

PART-I

(ENGLISH)

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (15 marks)
 - a) Who is Henry Baker and what role does he play in Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle'?
 - b) Discuss the moral significance of O'Henry's 'After Twenty Years'.
 - c) Examine what happens after Chandu dresses up in clothes similar to that worn by Dr. Kalan Khan in Mulk Raj Anand's 'The Barbers' Trade Union'.

2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: (15 marks)
 - a) You were chosen to represent your college in two-day inter-college workshop on disaster management. In a report addressed to the Principal write about your experiences and bring out the long term relevance of such events.
 - b) A reputed travel agency is looking for a tour operation manager who will be responsible for client handling, booking of tickets, hotel reservations and other allied responsibilities. Applicants should be graduates at least and possess remarkable excellent organizational and communication skills. Those interested can mail their application letter and curriculum vitae to flyngvistas@yahoo.co.in

3. Make sentences with **any five** of the following words: (5x2=10 marks)

Scintillating, chagrined, twirling, sedentary, carbuncle, collapse, absurdity, sheen, vicinity.

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)

Most recent work on the history of leisure in Europe has been based on the central hypothesis of a fundamental discontinuity between preindustrial and industrial societies. According to this view, the modern idea of leisure did not exist in medieval and early

modern Europe: the modern distinction between the categories of work and leisure was a product of industrial capitalism. Preindustrial societies had festivals (together with informal and irregular breaks from work), while industrial societies have leisure in the form of weekends and vacations. The emergence of leisure is therefore part of the process of modernization. If this theory is correct, there is what Michel Foucault called a conceptual rupture between the two periods, and so the very idea of a history of leisure before the Industrial Revolution is an anachronism.

To reject the idea that leisure has had a continuous history from the Middle Ages to the present is not to deny that late medieval and early modern Europeans engaged in many pursuits that are now commonly considered leisure or sporting activities—jousting, hunting, tennis, card playing, travel, and so on—or that Europe in this period was dominated by a privileged class that engaged in these pursuits. What is involved in the discontinuity hypothesis is the recognition that the people of the Middle Ages and early modern Europe did not regard as belonging to a common category activities (hunting and gambling, for example) that are usually classified together today under the heading of leisure. Consider fencing: today it may be considered a 'sport', but for the gentleman of the Renaissance it was an art or science. Conversely, activities that today may be considered serious, notably warfare, were often described as pastimes.

Serious pitfalls therefore confront historians of leisure who assume continuity and who work with the modern concepts of leisure and sport, projecting them back onto the past without asking about the meanings contemporaries gave to their activities. However, the discontinuity hypothesis can pose problems of its own. Historians holding this view attempt to avoid anachronism by means of a simple dichotomy, cutting European history into two eras, preindustrial and industrial, setting up the binary opposition between a 'festival culture' and a 'leisure culture'.

- a) What is the central hypothesis upon which the European history of leisure is based? (3 marks)
 - b) Name some modern leisure activities that were not considered as such in the early modern times. (2 marks)
 - c) What is the drawback of the 'discontinuity hypothesis'? (3 marks)
 - d) Give the meanings of the following words: rupture, anachronism (2 marks)
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SOCIOLOGY

PART II

FULL MARKS -50

Answer question no.1 and any two others.

1. Write short notes on any four of the followings

5X4=20

- a. Macro level analysis
- b. Technology transfer
- c. development
- d. Organization
- e. Conflict theory
- f. Sociology and history
- g. Sociology and economics
- h. Sociology

ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS

2. Contrast and compare, sociology's functional and conflict theoretical perspective. 15
3. What is the relationship of sociology with other social science discipline? 15
4. How are managers important in any organization? 15
5. Discuss the importance of ICTs in medical facilities. 15