

## GATE 2024 Humanities & Social Sciences - Sociology (XH-C6) Solutions

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General Aptitude (GA) Q.1 – Q.5 Carry ONE mark Each

**Ques.1** If '→' denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words [simmer → seethe → smolder] is analogous to [break → raze → \_\_\_\_\_]. Which one of the given options is appropriate to fill the blank?

- (A) obfuscate
- (B) obliterate
- (C) fracture
- (D) fissure

**Solution.** (B) obliterate , To determine which word appropriately fills the blank in the analogy, we need to understand the progression of intensity in both series of words.

- "Simmer," "seethe," and "smolder" all describe states of increasing intensity of heat or anger.
- "Break" and "raze" similarly describe states of increasing intensity of destruction.

Given this pattern, we need a word that represents a higher intensity of destruction than "raze."

Let's evaluate the options:

(A) Obfuscate - This means to confuse or make unclear. It does not fit the context of destruction.

(B) Obliterate - This means to destroy completely, which is a higher intensity of destruction than "raze."

(C) Fracture - This means to break or crack. It is similar in intensity to "break," not higher.

(D) Fissure - This means a narrow opening or crack. It is also not higher in intensity than "raze."

Therefore, the appropriate word to fill the blank is:

(B) obliterate

**Ques.4** Which one of the given options is a possible value of x in the following sequence?

3, 7, 15, x, 63, 127, 255

- (A) 35
- (B) 40
- (C) 45
- (D) 31

**Solution.** To find the value of x in the sequence 3,7,15,x,63,127,255, we should identify the pattern in the sequence.

First, let's observe the given numbers and try to find a pattern.

Notice that each term appears to be one less than a power of 2:

- $3 = 2^2 - 1$
- $7 = 2^3 - 1$
- $15 = 2^4 - 1$
- x
- $63 = 2^6 - 1$
- $127 = 2^7 - 1$
- $255 = 2^8 - 1$

Based on this pattern, x should be  $2^5 - 1$ :

$$x = 2^5 - 1 = 32 - 1 = 31$$

So, the possible value of x in the sequence is 31.

The correct answer is: (D) 31

**Ques.5** On a given day, how many times will the second-hand and the minute-hand of a clock cross each other during the clock time 12:05:00 hours to 12:55:00 hours?

- (A) 51
- (B) 49
- (C) 50
- (D) 55

**Solution.** (C) 50 , To determine how many times the second-hand and the minute-hand of a clock will cross each other between 12:05:00 and 12:55:00, we need to understand their relative speeds and crossing pattern.

### Calculation Steps:

1. Relative Speed and Crossing Pattern:
  - The second-hand completes one full rotation (360 degrees) every 60 seconds.
  - The minute-hand completes one full rotation (360 degrees) every 60 minutes.
  - The relative speed between the second-hand and the minute-hand is  $360 \div 60 = 6$  degrees per minute.
2. Crossing Points Calculation:
  - From 12:05:00 to 12:55:00, both hands start at 12 and move towards each other.
3. Formula for Number of Crossings:
  - The number of times they cross each other is given by the formula  $|6M - 0.5S|$ , where:
    - M is the number of minutes past the hour,
    - S is the number of seconds past the minute.
4. Specific Analysis for the Time Interval (12:05:00 to 12:55:00):
  - For each minute, they cross once because the relative angle covered by the second-hand relative to the minute-hand (6 degrees per minute) ensures one crossing per minute.
5. Total Calculation:
  - From 12:05:00 to 12:55:00, there are 50 minutes (from 5 minutes past 12 to 55 minutes past 12).
  - Therefore, they cross 50 times during this interval.

### Conclusion:

The second-hand and the minute-hand of the clock will cross each other 50 times between 12:05:00 and 12:55:00 hours.

### Q.6 – Q.10 Carry TWO marks Each

**Q.6** In the given text, the blanks are numbered (i)–(iv). Select the best match for all the blanks. From the ancient Athenian arena to the modern Olympic stadiums, athletics (i) the potential for a spectacle. The crowd (ii) with bated breath as the Olympian artist twists his

body, stretching the javelin behind him. Twelve strides in, he begins to cross-step. Six cross-steps (iii) in an abrupt stop on his left foot. As his body (iv) like a door turning on a hinge, the javelin is launched skyward at a precise angle.

(A) (i) hold (ii) waits (iii) culminates (iv) pivot

(B) (i) holds (ii) wait (iii) culminates (iv) pivot

(C) (i) hold (ii) wait (iii) culminate (iv) pivots

(D) (i) holds (ii) waits (iii) culminate (iv) pivots

**Solution. (D)** (i) holds (ii) waits (iii) culminate (iv) pivots , Let's fill in the blanks one by one:

1. From the ancient Athenian arena to the modern Olympic stadiums, athletics \_\_\_\_ the potential for a spectacle.
  - The correct form should be singular, so "holds" is appropriate.
2. The crowd \_\_\_\_ with bated breath as the Olympian artist twists his body, stretching the javelin behind him.
  - The crowd (singular collective noun) "waits" with bated breath.
3. Twelve strides in, he begins to cross-step. Six cross-steps \_\_\_\_ in an abrupt stop on his left foot.
  - "Culminate" is the correct form because it should be plural to match "steps".
4. As his body \_\_\_\_ like a door turning on a hinge, the javelin is launched skyward at a precise angle.
  - The subject "body" is singular, so "pivots" is the appropriate form.

Thus, the best match for all the blanks is:

(D) (i) holds (ii) waits (iii) culminate (iv) pivots

**Ques.12** Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct sequence for the following passage: I am wearing for the first time some (i)\_\_\_\_\_ that I have never been able to wear for long at a time, as they are horribly tight. I usually put them on just before giving a lecture. The painful pressure they exert on my feet goads my oratorical capacities to their utmost. This sharp and overwhelming pain makes me sing like a nightingale or like one of those Neapolitan singers who also wear (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ that are too tight. The visceral physical longing, the

overwhelming torture provoked by my (iii)\_\_\_\_, forces me to extract from words distilled and sublime truths, generalized by the supreme inquisition of the pain my (iv)\_\_\_\_\_ suffer.

(A) (i) patent-leather belt (ii) belts (iii) patent-leather belt (iv) waist

(B) (i) patent-leather shoes (ii) bands (iii) patent-leather bands (iv) wrist

(C) (i) patent-leather shoes (ii) shoes (iii) patent-leather shoes (iv) feet

(D) (i) patent-leather jacket (ii) jacket (iii) patent-leather jacket (iv) body

**Solution.** (C) (i) patent-leather shoes (ii) shoes (iii) patent-leather shoes (iv) feet , The correct sequence for the passage is:

(C) (i) patent-leather shoes (ii) shoes (iii) patent-leather shoes (iv) feet

So, the filled-in passage would be: "I am wearing for the first time some patent-leather shoes that I have never been able to wear for long at a time, as they are horribly tight. I usually put them on just before giving a lecture. The painful pressure they exert on my feet goads my oratorical capacities to their utmost. This sharp and overwhelming pain makes me sing like a nightingale or like one of those Neapolitan singers who also wear shoes that are too tight. The visceral physical longing, the overwhelming torture provoked by my patent-leather shoes, forces me to extract from words distilled and sublime truths, generalized by the supreme inquisition of the pain my feet suffer."

Therefore, option (C) is correct.

**Ques.13** The appropriate synonym for the word 'ignite' in the following passage will be: Spirituality must be integrated with education. Self-realization is the focus. Each one of us must become aware of our higher self. We are links of a great past to a grand future. We should ignite our dormant inner energy and let it guide our lives. The radiance of such minds embarked on constructive endeavor will bring peace, prosperity and bliss to this nation.

(A) Encourage

(B) Simulate

(C) Dissipate

(D) Engross

**Solution.** (A) Encourage , The appropriate synonym for "ignite" in the passage provided is:

(A) Encourage

"Ignite" in this context means to stimulate or encourage the activation of dormant inner energy. Therefore, option (A) fits best as a synonym in this passage.

**Ques.14 Which of the following sentences is punctuated correctly?**

(A) One day, I'll write a book, 'I said'. Not just a thriller but a real book, about real people.

(B) 'One day I'll write a book', I said, 'not just a thriller, but a real book, about real people.'

(C) 'One day I'll write a book', I said. 'Not just a thriller but, a real book, about real people'.

(D) 'One day I'll write a book', I said, not just a thriller, but a real book, about real people.'

**Solution.** (B) 'One day I'll write a book', I said, 'not just a thriller, but a real book, about real people.'

The correctly punctuated sentence among the options is:

(B) 'One day I'll write a book,' I said, 'not just a thriller, but a real book, about real people.'

Explanation:

- Option (B) correctly uses single quotation marks to enclose the statement within the larger quotation, consistent with the standard punctuation rules for dialogue.
- The commas are appropriately placed to separate clauses and phrases within the quoted speech.
- It maintains clarity and readability in conveying the dialogue structure.

**Ques.15 Fill in the blanks with the correct combination of tenses for the given sentence: Darwin's work (i)\_\_\_\_\_ a related effect that (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ influenced the development of environmental politics – a 'decentering' of the human being.**

(A) (i) have (ii) had

(B) (i) had (ii) have

**(C) (i) had (ii) has**

**(D) (i) has (ii) have**

**Solution.**(C) (ad (ii) has , The correct combination of tenses for the given sentence is:

**(C) (i) had (ii) has**

Sentence: Darwin's work had a related effect that has influenced the development of environmental politics – a 'decentering' of the human being.

Explanation:

- "Had" is used to indicate that Darwin's work produced an effect in the past.
- "Has" is used to show that the effect continues to influence the development of environmental politics up to the present.

**Q.16 Which of the following options holds similar relationship as the words, 'Music: Notes'?**

**(A) Water: Cold drink**

**(B) Paper: Class Notes**

**(C) House: Bricks**

**(D) Graphite: Charcoal**

**Solution.** (C) House: Bricks , The correct option that holds a similar relationship as the words "Music: Notes" is:

**(C) House: Bricks**

Explanation:

- Just as music is composed of notes, a house is constructed from bricks. Notes are the building blocks of music, and bricks are the building blocks of a house.

**Ques.17 In a particular code, if "RAMAN" is written as 52 and "MAP" is written as 33, then how will you code "CLICK"?**

**(A) 37**

**(B) 43**

**(C) 51**

**(D) 38**

**Solution.** (B) 43 , To determine how "CLICK" will be coded in the given pattern, let's examine the pattern used to code "RAMAN" and "MAP".

First, observe the word "RAMAN":

- Assign numerical values to the letters: R=18, A=1, M=13, A=1, N=14
- Add the values:  $18 + 1 + 13 + 1 + 14 = 47$
- Notice that "RAMAN" is coded as 52, which is  $47 + 5$ .

Next, observe the word "MAP":

- Assign numerical values to the letters: M=13, A=1, P=16
- Add the values:  $13 + 1 + 16 = 30$
- Notice that "MAP" is coded as 33, which is  $30 + 3$ .

The coding seems to add a fixed number to the sum of the letters' numerical values.

Let's see if the pattern holds:

- For "RAMAN",  $52 - 47 = 5$ .
- For "MAP",  $33 - 30 = 3$ .

Thus, the fixed number added appears to be the number of letters in the word multiplied by the position in the alphabet of the first letter of the word.

Using the same approach for "CLICK":

- Assign numerical values to the letters: C=3, L=12, I=9, C=3, K=11
- Add the values:  $3 + 12 + 9 + 3 + 11 = 38$
- If we add the fixed number for "CLICK":  $38 + 5$  (since C is the 3rd letter of the alphabet)  $= 38 + 5 = 43$ .

Therefore, the code for "CLICK" is: (B) 43

XH-B1: Q.18 – Q26 Carry TWO marks Each

**Q.18 On the basis of the statements given below, which valid assumption(s) can be made? Statements:** • Life has suffering • Desire is the cause of suffering • The end of desire is the end of suffering • Desire can be reduced by following the noble eightfold path  
**Assumptions:** 1. Suffering is because of wants 2. Life is not always full of suffering 3. The eightfold path can reduce suffering 4. Suffering is caused by life

- (A) Only 1, 3 and 4  
(B) Only 1, 2 and 3  
(C) Only 1 and 4



**(D) Only 2 and 3**

**Solution.** (B) Only 1, 2 and 3 , Based on the given statements and the possible assumptions, let's analyze each assumption:

1. Suffering is because of wants:
  - This assumption is valid because the statement "Desire is the cause of suffering" directly supports it.
2. Life is not always full of suffering:
  - This assumption is valid because the statement "The end of desire is the end of suffering" implies that when desire ends, suffering ends, suggesting that life can be without suffering.
3. The eightfold path can reduce suffering:
  - This assumption is valid because the statement "Desire can be reduced by following the noble eightfold path" implies that following this path can reduce desire, and since desire causes suffering, the path can reduce suffering.
4. Suffering is caused by life:
  - This assumption is not valid. The statement "Life has suffering" does not imply that life itself causes suffering; it only states that suffering exists in life. The cause of suffering, according to the statements, is desire, not life itself.

Therefore, the valid assumptions are 1, 2, and 3.

The correct answer is: (B) Only 1, 2, and 3

Q.19 If 'KARAMCHAND' is coded as 'ICPCKEFCLF' what should be the code of 'CREATION'?

- (A) ATCCRKMP
- (B) ETGCVKQP
- (C) APCCRJMP
- (D) ETCGKRPM

**Solution.** (A) ATCCRKMP , To decode how 'KARAMCHAND' is coded as 'ICPCKEFCLF', let's examine the pattern.

Given: K -> I A -> C R -> P A -> C M -> K C -> E H -> F A -> C N -> L D -> F

Observing the letter transformations:

- 'K' -> 'I': K is shifted 2 letters backward in the alphabet to I.

- 'A' -> 'C': A is shifted 2 letters forward in the alphabet to C.
- 'R' -> 'P': R is shifted 2 letters backward in the alphabet to P.
- 'A' -> 'C': A is shifted 2 letters forward in the alphabet to C.
- 'M' -> 'K': M is shifted 2 letters backward in the alphabet to K.
- 'C' -> 'E': C is shifted 2 letters forward in the alphabet to E.
- 'H' -> 'F': H is shifted 2 letters backward in the alphabet to F.
- 'A' -> 'C': A is shifted 2 letters forward in the alphabet to C.
- 'N' -> 'L': N is shifted 2 letters backward in the alphabet to L.
- 'D' -> 'F': D is shifted 2 letters forward in the alphabet to F.

From this, we see a pattern of alternating shifts:

- Shift backward by 2 letters for odd positions.
- Shift forward by 2 letters for even positions.

Now let's apply this pattern to 'CREATION':

1. C (odd) -> A
2. R (even) -> T
3. E (odd) -> C
4. A (even) -> C
5. T (odd) -> R
6. I (even) -> K
7. O (odd) -> M
8. N (even) -> P

Therefore, 'CREATION' is coded as 'ATCCRKMP'.

The correct answer is:

(A) ATCCRKMP

Q.21 In a certain type of code, 'they play cricket together' is written as 'mv kb lb iv'; 'they score maximum points' is written as 'gb lb mb kv'; 'cricket score earned points' is written as 'mb gv kb kv' and 'points are earned together' is written as 'kv mv ob gv.' What is the code for 'earned maximum points'?

- (A) gv gb kv
- (B) mv kb mb
- (C) lb iv ob
- (D) ob mb iv

Solution. (A) gv gb kv , Let's break down the code by analyzing the given sentences and their corresponding codes.

Given sentences and codes:

1. "they play cricket together" -> "mv kb lb iv"
2. "they score maximum points" -> "gb lb mb kv"
3. "cricket score earned points" -> "mb gv kb kv"
4. "points are earned together" -> "kv mv ob gv"

First, let's determine the code for each word by finding common words between the sentences and their respective codes.

Step-by-Step Analysis:

Step 1: Identify common words and codes.

- "they" appears in sentences 1 and 2.
  - Sentence 1: "mv kb lb iv"
  - Sentence 2: "gb lb mb kv"
  - Common code between these sentences: lb
  - Therefore, "they" = "lb"
- "cricket" appears in sentences 1 and 3.
  - Sentence 1: "mv kb lb iv"
  - Sentence 3: "mb gv kb kv"
  - Common code between these sentences: kb
  - Therefore, "cricket" = "kb"
- "points" appears in sentences 2, 3, and 4.
  - Sentence 2: "gb lb mb kv"
  - Sentence 3: "mb gv kb kv"
  - Sentence 4: "kv mv ob gv"
  - Common code among these sentences: kv
  - Therefore, "points" = "kv"
- "together" appears in sentences 1 and 4.
  - Sentence 1: "mv kb lb iv"
  - Sentence 4: "kv mv ob gv"
  - Common code between these sentences: mv
  - Therefore, "together" = "mv"
- "score" appears in sentences 2 and 3.
  - Sentence 2: "gb lb mb kv"
  - Sentence 3: "mb gv kb kv"
  - Common code between these sentences: mb

- Therefore, "score" = "mb"
- "earned" appears in sentences 3 and 4.
  - Sentence 3: "mb gv kb kv"
  - Sentence 4: "kv mv ob gv"
  - Common code between these sentences: gv
  - Therefore, "earned" = "gv"

Codes identified so far:

- "they" = "lb"
- "cricket" = "kb"
- "points" = "kv"
- "together" = "mv"
- "score" = "mb"
- "earned" = "gv"

Step 2: Identify the remaining codes for "play", "maximum", "are".

- From sentence 2: "they score maximum points" -> "gb lb mb kv"
  - "maximum" = "gb"
- From sentence 4: "points are earned together" -> "kv mv ob gv"
  - "are" = "ob"

Step 3: Construct the code for "earned maximum points":

- "earned" = "gv"
- "maximum" = "gb"
- "points" = "kv"

So, the code for "earned maximum points" is "gv gb kv".

Therefore, the correct answer is: (A) gv gb kv

Q.22 Which of the statement(s) about the passage weaken(s) the argument presented? Scientists associate large brains with greater intelligence.

However, in the evolutionary context it has also been identified that beyond a point, the size of the brain has not increased and yet after a particular period, in spite of no significant change in brain size humans have made significant progress. Certain researchers propose that this is because, while the overall brain size may not have changed, marked structural

changes can be noticed in specific structures that run parallel to increase in human intelligence.

(A) Recent studies refute the hypothesis that region-specific brain development is necessarily associated with rapid human progress

(B) Neanderthal people's extinction was probably because of their brain size

(C) Homo Sapiens and its destruction in the future may happen because of its rapid brain development

(D) Recent studies show that Neanderthal people, with relatively smaller brains, were capable of complex language and social activities

Solution. (A) Recent studies refute the hypothesis that region-specific brain development is necessarily associated with rapid human progress

To weaken the argument presented in the passage, we need to find a statement that challenges the notion that marked structural changes in specific brain regions contribute significantly to human progress despite no significant increase in overall brain size.

Let's analyze the options:

(A) Recent studies refute the hypothesis that region-specific brain development is necessarily associated with rapid human progress.

- This statement directly challenges the hypothesis that specific structural changes in brain regions are responsible for human progress. If these studies show that such region-specific development does not correlate with progress, it weakens the argument.

(B) Neanderthal people's extinction was probably because of their brain size.

- This statement discusses the extinction of Neanderthals, which is not directly related to the argument about human brain size and progress.

(C) Homo Sapiens and its destruction in the future may happen because of its rapid brain development.

- This statement speculates about future destruction due to rapid brain development, but it doesn't weaken the current argument about the correlation between brain size and progress.

(D) Recent studies show that Neanderthal people, with relatively smaller brains, were capable of complex language and social activities.

- This statement provides information about Neanderthals but doesn't directly challenge the argument regarding human brain size and progress.

Among these options, option (A) is the most relevant and directly challenges the argument by suggesting that region-specific brain development may not necessarily lead to rapid human progress, contrary to what the argument in the passage suggests.

Therefore, the correct answer is: (A) Recent studies refute the hypothesis that region-specific brain development is necessarily associated with rapid human progress.

Ques.24 Which of the following recommended action(s) seem to be appropriate with the stated problem? Stated problem : Many students at educational institutes do not attend classes in the post-pandemic scenario.

(A) Disciplinary action against all students should be taken as a warning.

(B) Counseling sessions should be organized to address the issues such students face.

(C) Surveys should be conducted to identify the reasons for their absence.

(D) Course content should immediately be changed.

Solution. (B) Counseling sessions should be organized to address the issues such students face. (C) Surveys should be conducted to identify the reasons for their absence.

Given the stated problem that many students at educational institutes do not attend classes in the post-pandemic scenario, the most appropriate recommended actions would be those that aim to understand and address the root causes of their absence.

(A) Disciplinary action against all students should be taken as a warning.

- This may not address the underlying reasons why students are not attending classes and could potentially worsen the issue by creating resentment or anxiety among students.

(B) Counselling sessions should be organized to address the issues such students face.

- This is a constructive approach that can help identify personal or emotional challenges students might be facing and provide them with the support they need.

(C) Surveys should be conducted to identify the reasons for their absence.

- This is a proactive step to gather data on the specific reasons why students are not attending classes, which can then inform targeted interventions.

(D) Course content should immediately be changed.

- While course content might be a factor, changing it immediately without understanding the broader context might not be the most effective or efficient solution.

Therefore, the most appropriate recommended actions are:

(B) Counselling sessions should be organized to address the issues such students face. (C) Surveys should be conducted to identify the reasons for their absence.

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Q.27 Fill in the blank with the correct option. According to Thomas Kuhn, activities of normal science are like puzzle solving, since they seek to reach \_\_\_\_\_ that include solving instrumental, conceptual and methodological problems within the confines of certain rules.

- (A) new conclusions in existing ways
- (B) existing conclusions in new ways
- (C) new publishers
- (D) new junior researchers

Solution.(A) new conclusions in existing ways , According to Thomas Kuhn, activities of normal science seek to reach (A) new conclusions in existing ways, including solving instrumental, conceptual, and methodological problems within the confines of certain rules.

Q.28 'We are constantly doing gender without realizing it.' Select one of the given options that best explains the above statement.

- (A) We socially construct our behaviours to perform our gender roles.
- (B) Biological sex determines our gender identities.
- (C) Gender is not a performance; it is an identity.
- (D) Gender performance is about individual determinism.

Solution.(A) We socially construct our behaviours to perform our gender roles.

The statement "We are constantly doing gender without realizing it" suggests that (A) We socially construct our behaviors to perform our gender roles. This option best explains how gender is performed through



everyday actions and interactions, often unconsciously reinforcing societal norms and expectations related to gender roles.

**Ques.31 Fill in the blank with the correct option. According to Ray Oldenberg, \_\_\_\_\_ are social surroundings different from home and workplaces which are important for civil society, democracy and civic engagement.**

**(A) Instagram and YouTube**

**(B) Villages**

**(C) Third places**

**(D) Districts**

**Solution.**(C) Third places , According to Ray Oldenburg, (C) Third places are social surroundings different from home and workplaces which are important for civil society, democracy, and civic engagement.

**Q.32 Fill in the blank with the correct option. Paul Lazarfield and Robert Merton coined the term \_\_\_\_\_ to explain the phenomenon wherein media provides massive amount of coverage that the audience becomes numb and fails to act on the information, regardless of how compelling the issue.**

**(A) dysfunctional media**

**(B) narcotizing dysfunction**

**(C) manufacturing consent**

**(D) echo chamber**

**Solution.** (B) narcotizing dysfunction , Paul Lazarsfeld and Robert Merton coined the term (B) narcotizing dysfunction to explain the phenomenon wherein media provides a massive amount of coverage that the audience becomes numb and fails to act on the information, regardless of how compelling the issue.

**Ques.33 Fill in the blank with the correct option. According to Max Weber, social stratification is a function of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(A) economic factors only**

**(B) economic and social factors**

**(C) honour and status only**

**(D) political power and status only**



Solution. (B) economic and social factors , According to Max Weber, social stratification is a function of (B) economic and social factors.

Ques.35 Fill in the blank with the correct option. \_\_\_\_\_ argued for a shift in social movements post-1968 towards questions of self-management and technologies of rule as central driving concerns, analyzing these movements as struggles over the self-production of society.

- (A) Eric Hobsbawm
- (B) Alain Touraine
- (C) Henri Lefebvre
- (D) Michel Foucault

Solution. (B) Alain Touraine ,argued for a shift in social movements post-1968 towards questions of self-management and technologies of rule as central driving concerns, analyzing these movements as struggles over the self-production of society. Touraine's work focused on how social movements increasingly emphasized issues of autonomy, self-management, and resistance to forms of domination in modern societies.

Ques.36 The recognition that social identities are multi-layered, often overlapping, and nondiscrete, comes from which of the following conceptual frameworks?

- (A) Multiple sovereignties
- (B) Sanskritization
- (C) Intersectionality
- (D) Social Diffusion

Solution.(C) Intersectionality , The recognition that social identities are multi-layered, often overlapping, and non-discrete comes from (C) Intersectionality. Intersectionality is a conceptual framework that emphasizes how multiple social identities (such as race, gender, class, sexuality, etc.) intersect and interact to create unique experiences of privilege and oppression.

Ques.37 Fill in the blank with the correct option. The movement against \_\_\_\_\_ dam in India has contributed significantly to the formation of the World Commission on Dams.

- (A) Koel Karo
- (B) Tehri
- (C) Sardar Sarovar
- (D) Subansiri

Solution. (C) Sardar Sarovar , The movement against (C) Sardar Sarovar dam in India has contributed significantly to the formation of the World Commission on Dams.

Q.38 Which thinker is associated with the concept of participatory development?

- (A) André Béteille
- (B) Robert Chambers
- (C) Andre Gunder Frank
- (D) Robert Putnam

Solution. (B) Robert Chambers , The thinker associated with the concept of participatory development is (B) Robert Chambers. Chambers is known for promoting participatory approaches in development, emphasizing the importance of involving local communities in decision-making and development processes.

Ques.39 Select the option that best describes 'petty commodity producers' in the context of the agrarian economy in India.

- (A) They are family-based operations that occasionally hire in /hire out some labour.
- (B) They do not own land and work as reverse tenants.
- (C) They produce only for fulfilling their subsistence needs.
- (D) Their presence is restricted to adivasi-dominated areas.

Solution. (A) They are family-based operations that occasionally hire in /hire out some labour. The option that best describes 'petty commodity producers' in the context of the agrarian economy in India is:

- (A) They are family-based operations that occasionally hire in/hire out some labor.

Petty commodity producers typically operate small-scale family-based enterprises where they may occasionally hire or engage labor, but the primary production is carried out within the family unit.

Ques.40 Despite the constitutional provision of equality of all citizens before the law, in practice, Dalits are often excluded from access to common property resources and public spaces (e.g., pastures, water resources etc.) Which theorist's conceptualization of power best explains this scenario?

- (A) Emile Durkheim
- (B) Talcott Parsons
- (C) Ralph Dahrendorf
- (D) Edmund Leach

Solution.(C) Ralph Dahrendorf , The theorist whose conceptualization of power best explains the scenario where Dalits are often excluded from access to common property resources and public spaces despite constitutional provisions is (C) Ralph Dahrendorf.

Ralph Dahrendorf's theory of conflict and power in social systems highlights how power operates through social structures and inequalities. In this case, the exclusion of Dalits from common property resources and public spaces can be understood as a manifestation of power dynamics where dominant social groups control and restrict access to resources, perpetuating social inequalities despite legal provisions for equality.

Ques.44 Select the option(s) that best describe(s) the term 'gentrification.'

- (A) The transformation of an urban neighbourhood when affluent people move to poor and working-class areas of the city.
- (B) The process of ghettoization of working-class neighbourhoods.
- (C) The process of feminization of the neighbourhood.
- (D) The process of urban gentry migrating to rural areas.

Solution. (A) The transformation of an urban neighbourhood when affluent people move to poor and working-class areas of the city. The option that best describes the term 'gentrification' is:

- (A) The transformation of an urban neighborhood when affluent people move to poor and working-class areas of the city.

Explanation:

- Gentrification involves the influx of more affluent residents into a previously lower-income neighborhood, often leading to changes in demographics, housing prices, and the character of the area.

Ques.46 Fill in the blanks with the correct option. According to Granovetter, strong ties are important for \_\_\_\_\_, and weak ties are valuable for gaining access to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) emotional support; new information and opportunities  
(B) monetary support; new information and opportunities  
(C) social support; economic support  
(D) monetary support; marital alliances

Solution.(A) emotional support; new information and opportunities ,  
According to Granovetter, strong ties are important for (A) emotional support, and weak ties are valuable for gaining access to (A) new information and opportunities.

Granovetter's theory of "strength of weak ties" suggests that strong ties (close relationships) provide emotional support, while weak ties (more distant relationships) are crucial for accessing new information and opportunities.

Ques.48 Select the option that has the correct pairing of person and contribution.

Person			Contribution	
Laud Humphreys	M		Italian American Community	X
William Foote-Whyte	N		Tearoom Trade	Y
Elton Mayo	O		Worker Productivity	Z

(A) MY; NZ; OX

(B) MZ; NX; OY

(C) MX; NY; OZ

(D) MY; NX; OZ

Solution.(D) MY; NX; OZ , The correct pairing of person and contribution is:

(D) MY; NX; OZ

Explanation:

- Laud Humphreys is associated with the Tearoom Trade (N).
- William Foote-Whyte is associated with Italian American Community (M).
- Elton Mayo is associated with Worker Productivity (O).

Ques.49 Select the option that has the correct pairing of author and concept.

Author		Concept	
Bronislaw Malinowski	L	Sociological imagination	Q
Erving Goffman	M	Imponderabilia of everyday life	R
Claude Levi-Strauss	N	Matrimonial strategies	S
Pierre Bourdieu	O	Generalized exchange	T
		Social performanceL	U

(A) LT; MU; NS; OR

(B) LR; MU; NT; OS

(C) LU; MQ; NT; OS

(D) LR; MU; NS; OT

Solution. (B) LR; MU; NT; OS , The correct pairing of author and concept is:

(B) LR; MU; NT; OS

Explanation:

- Bronislaw Malinowski: Imponderabilia of everyday life (M)
- Erving Goffman: Social performance (U)
- Claude Levi-Strauss: Matrimonial strategies (N)
- Pierre Bourdieu: Generalized exchange (O)

Ques.50 Fill in the blank with the correct option. According to Victor Turner, 'rites of passage' are defined as rituals of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) revelation
- (B) transition
- (C) subversion
- (D) communication

Solution.(B) transition , According to Victor Turner, 'rites of passage' are defined as rituals of (B) transition.

Rites of passage, as conceptualized by Turner, are rituals that mark and facilitate the transition of individuals or groups from one social status to another, such as birth, coming of age, marriage, or death.

Ques.51 When Hurricane Katrina hit the United States in 2005, affluent and poor people alike became its victims. However, those who did not own automobiles were less able than others to evacuate in advance of the storm. Which conclusion can be inferred from the above paragraph?

- (A) Class position affects people's vulnerability to natural disasters.
- (B) Automobile ownership is a hindrance to evacuation.
- (C) Affluent people were more affected by Hurricane Katrina because they had to return to their homes filled with debris.
- (D) Evacuation processes did not take into account the gendered dimensions of class.

Solution.(A) Class position affects people's vulnerability to natural disasters. , The conclusion that can be inferred from the paragraph is:

- (A) Class position affects people's vulnerability to natural disasters.

This is supported by the fact that those who did not own automobiles (often a marker of lower socioeconomic status) were less able to evacuate in advance of Hurricane Katrina, highlighting how economic resources and social class impact vulnerability during natural disasters.

Ques.62 Reena and Sheena are Hindi-speaking neighbours who grew up together. Reena refers to Sheena's mother as mausi (mother's sister). This is an example of which of the following kinship type(s)?

- (A) Telescoping
- (B) Fictive kinship
- (C) Surrogate kinship
- (D) Matrilineal kinship

Solution. (B) Fictive kinship , The example of Reena referring to Sheena's mother as "mausi" (mother's sister) is an example of (B) Fictive kinship.

Explanation:

- Fictive kinship refers to relationships that are designated as kinship but are not based on blood or marriage. In this case, "mausi" is a kinship term used to refer to Sheena's mother, even though she is not Reena's biological aunt.

Ques.63 A.R Radcliffe-Brown is associated with fieldwork in which of the following region(s)?

- (A) Papua New Guinea
- (B) The Trobriand Islands
- (C) The Andaman Islands
- (D) Highland Burma

Solution. (C) The Andaman Islands , A.R. Radcliffe-Brown is associated with fieldwork in (C) The Andaman Islands.

Radcliffe-Brown conducted significant ethnographic research among the Andaman Islanders, focusing on their social structure and kinship systems.

Ques.64 Which of the following option(s) is/are feature(s) of the protests against the farm laws of 2020?

- (A) They called for guaranteed procurement in all 23 crops for which the government had declared a Minimum Support Price.
- (B) They challenged the growing entry of corporate capital in agriculture.
- (C) They brought media attention to India's increasing carbon emissions.
- (D) They championed the cause of pesticide victims of Kasargod.

Solution. (A) They called for guaranteed procurement in all 23 crops for which the government had declared a Minimum Support Price. (B) They

challenged the growing entry of corporate capital in agriculture. The features of the protests against the farm laws of 2020 include:

- (A) They called for guaranteed procurement in all 23 crops for which the government had declared a Minimum Support Price.
- (B) They challenged the growing entry of corporate capital in agriculture.

Explanation:

- The protests primarily focused on demands related to agricultural policies, including ensuring MSP for all 23 crops and opposing increased corporate influence in agriculture. These were central issues that mobilized farmers and supporters during the protests against the farm laws.

Ques.65 Which of the following option(s) is / are a feature of the Marxist method?

- (A) Ideological determinism
- (B) Historical materialism
- (C) Dialectical materialism
- (D) Materialist pessimism

Solution.(B) Historical materialism ,(C) Dialectical materialism, The features of the Marxist method include:

- (B) Historical materialism
- (C) Dialectical materialism

Explanation:

- Historical materialism: This is the methodological approach in Marxism that examines history and social change through the lens of economic factors, particularly the struggle between social classes.
- Dialectical materialism: This is the philosophical basis of Marxism, which applies the principles of dialectics to understand the nature of reality, emphasizing the material conditions of existence and the dynamic interplay of contradictions.



