

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

HUL271: Sociology: The Science of Praxis

Major Exam Date: 20 November 2009 Time: 10.30am -12.30 pm

Maximum Marks: 40

Part I Choose two of the three questions given below (10 marks each)

1. What is the relationship between citizenship and identity in the modern world? Explain conflicts arising between them by taking up any example of cultural identity in the context of multiculturalism.
2. Do you agree that multiculturalism is bad for women? Similarly, is it good or bad for other disadvantaged groups such as Blacks in America or SCs in India?
3. How does the broader theory of multiculturalism make us reconsider 'stigmatized' individuals or groups? What are their sources of difference or commonality? If you were to consider stigma as a social fact, how would you construct the category? Answer by using as examples sources of stigma that we have considered.

Part II (6 marks)

1. Write a short note on any one of the following topics: 1) suicide of farmers, or youth, or women or on ritualistic suicide; 2) Indian or American middle class 3) French or Industrial Revolution 4) The French Revolution and women 5) French scarf, 6) Sikh turban 7) Danish cartoons of Muhammad 8) Common Civil Code.

Part III

Short questions (Total 14 marks; 2 marks each)

1. Explain the difference between cultural pluralism and multiculturalism.
- ✓ 2. Explain the term 'veil of ignorance' in the context of justice and equality.
- ✓ 3. Distinguish between 'melting pot' and 'salad bowl'?
4. What is meant by 'laicite'?
- ✓ 5. What is meant by the strategy of 'cultural defense'?
6. What is the difference between stigma and stigmata?
- ✓ 7. Who does Goffman call 'normals', 'wise' and 'own' ?