

Khulna University
Sociology Discipline
Bachelor of Social Science (Honors) in Sociology
Third Year, Second Term Final Examination 2026
Session: 2024-2025; Course Code: 0314 16 Soc 3201
Course Title: Contemporary Sociological Theory

Time: 03 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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- Use separate answer script for each section.

Section A

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

1. a) What is structural functionalism? (L1; CLO1) 03
b) How does structural functionalism contribute in understanding the stability and functioning of a society? Discuss. (L4; CLO1) 07
2. "My own main contribution to conflict theory ... was to add a micro level to these macro-level theories. I specially tried to show that stratification and organization are grounded in the interactions of everyday life" (Collins, 1990:72) - Explain the statement through the lens of conflict theory. (L5; CLO2) 10
3. Analyze Habermas's public sphere and communicative action approaches in promoting democracy and social inequality in Bangladesh. (L4; CLO2) 10
4. How did Karl Mannheim's Sociology of Knowledge explain the relationship between ideology, utopia and social structure? Discuss. (L6; CLO3) 10

Section B

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

5. a) What do you understand by symbolic interactionism? (L2; CLO1) 03
b) Explicate Mead's concept of the self and its development through social interaction. (L4; CLO2) 07
6. a) What is phenomenology? (L2; CLO1) 03
b) How does phenomenology focus on understanding individuals' lived experiences and perceptions of specific phenomenon? Explain. (L5; CLO1) 07
7. a) What is critical theory? (L2; CLO1) 03
b) Discuss the contribution of Max Horkheimer in understanding the advancement of a materialist approach of reason and society. (L6; CLO2) 07
8. a) Define paradigm shift. (L1; CLO1) 03
b) Interpret Thomas Kuhn's stages of scientific revolution with examples. (L5; CLO3) 07

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Third Year, Second Term Final Examination 2026
Session: 2024-2025; Course Code: 0314 16 Soc 3203
Course Title: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches to Social Research

Time: 03 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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Section A

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

1. a) Between positivism and social constructionism which theoretical approach is more effective in social research? Examine. (L4; CLO1) 05
b) Why did critical approach emerge despite many dominant theoretical approaches existed in social research? Explain. (L5; CLO1) 05
2. On what basis will you decide to select a research approach among qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods for your BSS thesis? Analyze. (L3; CLO2) 10
3. a) Why is sampling important in conducting research? (L1; CLO3) 04
b) Differentiate between probability and non-probability sampling. (L4; CLO3) 06
4. a) What are the steps of publishing quantitative research? (L2; CLO2) 03
b) Analyze how univariate, bivariate, and multivariate analyses applied in quantitative data analysis. (L4; CLO3) 07

Section B

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

5. a) Differentiate between reliability and validity in qualitative research. (L4; CLO2) 04
As qualitative research generally uses smaller samples and focuses less on variable measurement and statistical analysis, how can researchers ensure reliability and validity? (L4; CLO3) 06
6. a) Why would a semi-structured interview be more effective than a strictly structured one? (L4; CLO3) 04
b) Do you agree that qualitative research is 'subjective' and 'anecdotal'? Justify. (L5; CLO3) 06
7. a) Interpret the steps and considerations in coding in qualitative data analysis. (L4; CLO3) 05
b) What factors enable grounded theory research design to generate theory? Inspect. (L4; CLO1) 05
8. Suppose, you are investigating why a specific high school has a sudden 30% drop in graduation rates. You have access to the quantitative data on school's historical grades and attendance records.
a) How would you design a qualitative follow-up study to explain these numbers? (L5; CLO3) 05
b) Who would you interview, and what specific 'gaps' in the data would you expect the qualitative phase to fill? (L6; CLO3) 05

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Third Year, Second Term Final Examination 2026
Session: 2024-2025; Course Code: 0314 16 Soc 3205
Course Title: Minority and Ethnic Studies

Time: 03 Hours

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Section A

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

1. Analyze the historical contexts of the emergence of concepts majority, minority, and indigenous people with examples. (L4; CLO1) 10
2. Evaluate the justification of the self-determination rights of the indigenous peoples. (L5; CLO2) 10
3. Explain the importance of indigenous concepts of land rights in practicing their cultural distinctiveness. (L4; CLO4) 10
4. Compare International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965) and UN declaration on the rights of minorities in terms of their goals and effectiveness. (L4; CLO9) 10

Section B

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

5. 'Racial inequality is a product of interconnected economic, social and institutional factors'. - Critically examine the statement. (L4; CLO7) 10
6. Assess the feminist perspective on race and ethnicity. (L5; CLO6) 10
7. Inspect the causes of ethnic cleansing across the world. (L4; CLO7) 10
8. Discuss the socioeconomic situation of small ethnic groups in Bangladesh. (L5; CLO5) 10

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Third Year, Second Term Final Examination 2026
Session: 2024-2025; Course Code: 0314 16 Soc 3207
Course Title: Sociology of Crime and Criminal Justice

Time: 03 Hours

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Section A

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

1. "The Sociology of Crime evolved as a response to the limitations of earlier legal and philosophical approaches that focused solely on the individual failings of criminals" (Freda Adler, 2007). Justify the statement in the light of the development of Sociology of Crime. (L5; CLO1) 10
2. a) Distinguish between crime and deviance with examples. (L4; CLO1) 04
b) Explain the causes of crime in contemporary societies. (L4; CLO1) 06
3. a) Define juvenile delinquency. (L1; CLO1) 03
b) Among the various causes of juvenile delinquency, which one do you consider the most prominent in contemporary societies? Discuss with examples. (L4; CLO1) 07
4. a) What are the major theories of crime? (L2; CLO2) 03
b) How do rational choice theories' assumption of 'calculated decision –making' contrast with trait theory's emphasis in biological and psychological predispositions in explaining criminal behavior? Analyze. (L5; CLO2) 07

Section B

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

5. a) Identify the agencies of criminal justice. (L2; CLO3) 04
b) 'The best way to keep a prisoner from escaping is to make sure he never knows he is in prison'. (Fyodor Dostoevsky) Critically analyze the statement in the context of the correctional systems of first world countries. (L5; CLO3) 06
6. a) Identify the elements of criminal law. (L3; CLO3) 03
b) Critically analyze the sociological theories of the origin of criminal law. (L4; CLO3) 07
7. a) Discuss the major types of punishment. (L3; CLO4) 05
b) Assess the effectiveness of punishment as the deterrence of crime and criminality. (L5; CLO4) 05
8. Suppose a 19-year-old first time offender was released under probation supervision after being convicted of minor theft. After a few months, he again became involved in organized criminal activities. Evaluate the limitations of probation systems in offender rehabilitation and provide possible solutions to improve offender reintegration into the society. (L6; CLO4) 10

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Session: 2024-2025; Course Code: 0314 16 Soc 3209
Course Title: Sociology of Religion

Time: 03 Hours

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Section A

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

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| 1. | a) | Elaborate the scope of Sociology of Religion in modern society. (L6; CLO1) | 05 |
| | b) | Demonstrate the importance of Sociology of Religion. (L2; CLO1) | 05 |
| 2. | a) | How does sect differ from cult? (L4; CLO2) | 05 |
| | b) | Differentiate between sacred and profane. (L4; CLO3) | 05 |
| 3. | a) | Define religion and magic. (L1; CLO2) | 03 |
| | b) | Critically evaluate Durkheim's theory on religion. (L5; CLO2) | 07 |
| 4. | | Explain how postmodern society has changed traditional religious authority with examples. (L2; CLO2) | 10 |

Section B

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

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| 5. | a) | What is religious revivalism? (L1; CLO4) | 03 |
| | b) | Inspect the root causes of religious revivalism in the sub-continent. (L2; CLO4) | 07 |
| 6. | a) | Critically evaluate the theocracy in Islamic state. (L5; CLO3) | 05 |
| | b) | How does modernization impact on religion? Discuss. (L5; CLO3) | 05 |
| 7. | a) | How does religion contribute to social change? Elaborate. (L6; CLO5) | 05 |
| | b) | Analyze the relationship between religion and social class. (L4; CLO5) | 05 |
| 8. | | Write short notes on the following: | |
| | a) | Ethnicity and religion (L2; CLO3) | 05 |
| | b) | Role of saints in Bangladesh (L2; CLO5) | 05 |

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Third Year, Second Term Final Examination 2026
Session: 2024-2025; Course Code: 0521 16 ES 3251
Course Title: Environmental Sociology

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Section A

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

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| 1. | a) | Differentiate between natural and social environment. (L4; CLO3) | 05 |
| | b) | Discuss the origin and development of Environmental Sociology. (L4; CLO1) | 05 |
| 2. | | Explain the theoretical perspectives of Environmental Sociology. (L6; CLO3) | 10 |
| 3. | | Analyze the process of energy transformation in a food chain. (L4; CLO1) | 10 |
| 4. | | Critically evaluate the relevance of realism and constructivism in contemporary environmental debates. (L5; CLO3) | 10 |

Section B

There are **four** questions in this section. Answer any **three** questions.

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| 5. | a) | Distinguish between land and soil. (L4; CLO1) | 03 |
| | b) | Illustrate the importance of wetlands in the context of coastal region of Bangladesh. (L2; CLO1) | 07 |
| 6. | | How does climate change intensify salinity and disaster vulnerability in coastal areas of Bangladesh? Explain. (L4; CLO1) | 10 |
| 7. | | Discuss the role of women in natural environmental resource management. (L6; CLO2) | 10 |
| 8. | a) | What is environmental education? (L1; CLO4) | 03 |
| | b) | Analyze the national environmental policy 2018 of Bangladesh. (L4; CLO4) | 07 |