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DEPARTMENT OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
Mid-Term Assignment
Course Title: SOCIOLOGY (DPT & HND 2nd) Instructor: Mr. Shahzad Anwar

Max Marks: 30

Time: 48 hours

Name:

Note:

- Attempt all questions from this section, all questions carry equal marks.
- Answer Briefly and to the point, avoid un-necessary details

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1. What is the importance of historical context in understanding a society? (10 marks)

Ans: **HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

Historical context tells us about the economic, social or religious situations that existed in the past within a specific area during a specific time period.

IMPORTANCE OF HISTORICAL CONTEXT IN UNDERSTANDING OUR SOCIETY:

Historical context is important because:

- Without the historical context stories and memories have less meaning.
- It makes us understand why things are the way they are or what motivates people to behave as they did.
- Without it we are only seeing half part of the scene.

1. HELPS TO UNDERSTAND OUR CULTURE:

It helps us in understanding our culture better. It tells us about our culture, moral values and about how our ancestors used to live their lives, so that we can continue living according to our culture.

2. HELPS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY:

Historical context helps us to know more about our history and historical events that took place in the past. Just like a doctor needs proper history of the patient in order to understand the disease or the problem, we need to know about our history to understand our society better.

2. According to conflict approach of sociological perspective, which problems are people facing during this “Lockdown” situation? (10 marks)

Ans: **CONFLICT APPROACH;**

According to conflict approach society consists of different groups of people. Who are in competition with each other for resources, It focuses on the unequal distribution of the resources and power. Conflict approach divides the people as rich / educated and poor/ uneducated. It states that some people in this society think that rich people have more resources because of the hardwork and poor do not have the skills to make money.

LOCKDOWN:

It is an emergency protocol which limits the movement or activities of people. In this lockdown situation there are many problems faced by all the people but the poor are the ones which are being affected more than anyone. This is a worldwide crisis and no one can do anything about it due to this lockdown many countries now face multiple crises such as health crisis, financial crisis and a collapse in commodity prices.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS:

The inequality difference between rich and poor present in the education system at the best of times is accelerated by the closure of educational institutes. The rich people are not that affected because they have internet facilities while the poor children and their grades are suffering because they don't have internet or online resources

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS:

The rich have huge houses with huge gardens in which they can sit with their families and have a good time or enjoy fresh air. On the other hand the poor people have houses which 1 or 2 rooms with no space for enjoying fresh air due to which they are having psychological problem and stress issues. They are bound to sit at home all day which can result in aggression and grumpiness.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS:

Due to this lockdown situation the world is facing its worst economic downturn. All the businesses are closed down. Many employees are being fired because of cash shortage.

The poor are suffering the most. Daily wage workers and beggars face hunger because of the lockdown.

3. Nowadays, social media is the most influential agent of socialization. Explain why? (10 marks)

Ans: **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

The website which help us to participate in social networking is called social media. It helps people to interact with each other.

Following are the reasons which make social media the most influential agent of socialization:

1. SHAPES THE THINKING OF INDIVIDUALS:

Social media effects the person's thinking, behaviour and attitude. When the persons sees that majority is accepting the idea or information which is being spread by the media, he starts to thnk it might be right or true he readily accepts it too. Kids grow up using the internet and start to form their opinion according to what they see on the internet.

2. SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION:

Social media playes an important role in communication. It helps people to communicate with their family and be updated about how their loved ones are doing

3. INSTRUMENT OF SOCIAL POWER:

Social media has this huge role in the lives of teenager it encouragesa and motivates the adults and teenagers to support our values and norms. It makes them learn different things about our culture. Social media effects us with their messages.