**IQRA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Mid-Term Assignment**

**Course Title: SOCIOLOGY (DPT & HND 2nd) Instructor: Mr. Shahzad Anwar**

**Max Marks: 30 Time: 48 hours**

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**Note:**

* **Attempt all questions from this section, all questions carry equal marks.**
* **Answer Briefly and to the point, avoid un-necessary details**
1. What is the importance of historical context in understanding a society? (10 marks)
2. According to conflict approach of sociological perspective, which problems are people facing during this “Lockdown” situation? (10 marks)
3. Nowadays, social media is the most influential agent of socialization. Explain why? (10 marks)

## Q1: What is the importance of historical context in understanding a society?

ANSWER:

IMPORTANCE OF HISTORICAL CONTEXT IN UNDERSTANDING A SOCIETY

Society is basically a group of people living in the same territory and have same boundaries and are interacting with one another,they follow the same norms which are set by the society.

Sociological point of view consistently remembers recorded setting for its perspective on society, provided that we need to comprehend why things are how they are, we need to see how they arrived in such a state.In order to understand a condition it is necessary to know the history of that condition.

For example if we see a person in a society , he is depressed or has anxiety due to which he is not completing his daily activities and duties, also his responsibilities in the society he lives in ,then it is very necessary to treat him because he is a part of society and if daily the number of people in a society are getting depressed and are not taking active part in the society then how will the society work, therefore we will first find the history, the cause of that persons depression and see how he got this way or how he got depressed ,we will find the history of his depression ,the cause of it and due to which we can help him by solving the cause of his depression and to make him happy by telling him that the reason for his depression is now over and he can live his life how he used to live before .

In order to understand a society, in order to know its functionality , in order to know how we can make it work it is necessary to find the history of each individual and to see how the society was in its past and present due to which we can find the problems,illnesses,conflicts and the cause of them and to solve them and make the society work better.

For example if a society has conflicts and each individual is willing to kill each other,in order to solve this problem we first must find the cause of this conflict and base of the conflict and to understand why did it happen after knowing the facts and figures and whose fault was it, we can help finish these conflicts and make every person in the society understand the conflict and bring peace among them .

So for the better understanding of a society and to know how it works it is very important to know the historical context of a society .

I mean this is how everything works we cant trust a person if we don’t know about their history same applies on a society ,if we don’t know its history then we can never understand how it works and how it got that way which is why it is necessary to know about the history of everything and anybody.

## Q2: According to conflict approach of sociological perspective, which problems are people facing during this “Lockdown” situation?

ANSWER:

CONFLICT APPROACH OF SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE:

According to conflict approach,society is a competition of power and resources between different groups of people based on class,race, gender,education.

In order to understand the conflict approach in this lockdown situation I will give and comparison between the rich and poor and how they are dealing with this situation how it is affecting them and how it is for each group

RICH PEOPLE IN LOCKDOWN:

The people who are rich and have good jobs and are having enough resources and are capable of buying expensive things and can go for groceries to marts rather than small shops and people who are selling the vegetables and fruits on carts, these people are having a sort of holiday and are quiet happy as they are spending time with their families and are cooking different foods for theirselves ,playing indoor games,having small get togethers in between and are sleeping and resting all day.life seems like a dream to them as they already have enough money to afford luxuries . if they get sick or anything they can go to elite hospitals and get vip treatment and are educated enough to take care of their health and are aware of everything.

POOR PEOPLE IN LOCKDOWN:

ON the other hand we have those people who are poor and are those people who do small small jobs like painters,servants, labourers,workers,selling things on carts etc due to the lockdown only marts and pharmacies are open and all other shops are closed,people are isolated in their homes with their families. So now the poor people who used to get daily income to feed their families are not getting any source of income from anywhere ,they cant afford to buy anything and cant afford to eat anything as everything requires money.So If the virus doesn’t kill them probably the hunger and starvation definitly will. They are suffering as they cant afford to buy sanitizers and masks and gloves for them , how will they protect their families how will they protect theirselves. They are getting depressed as they cant go out and earn and they cant afford anything many are killing themselves in the fear of starvation.

So the point is that in the current situation of the society there is conflict as the rich are getting all the resources while the poor are suffering as they cant deal with the problems they are facing ,lockdown is beneficial for the rich as they have enough money to keep themselves while the poor are suffering in it , the government however is helping the poor by providing food items to them but its still not enough as the population is alot and they cant help each and everyone.

There are two big problems with this. One, what to do with the economy? Putting money in markets from the government was a good idea but it can’t be done again and again. Surely a complete shutdown cannot possibly be observed, anywhere in the world, beyond the very short term. That is because it is abundantly clear that the crisis is going to last beyond a couple of weeks. And more than a small manner of economic activity will have to be resumed.

And two, there are always going to be social implications of lockdowns without end.While it is surely important to keep people protected as much as possible, other social issues also need to be kept in mind. But allowing people some relief from the quarantine, especially so some of them can help get the economy going again, is not without the most serious implications.

At the end of the day poor people suffer as always and it is very important for people who are capable like us to help them and to feed them start thinking about them instead of always thinking about ourselves

## Q3: Nowadays, social media is the most influential agent of socialization. Explain why?

ANSWER:

SOCIALIZATION:

Refers to that lifelong process of learning as an individual faces different phases in his life.

There are agents of socialization, it refers to a particular thing which has an affect on our behavior,attitude and emotions

SOCIAL MEDIA AS AN INFLUENTIAL AGENT OF SOCIALIZATION:

Mostly social media affects individuals from the teenage age ,as teens feel that they have a very large amount of friends on social networking sites like instagram,snapchat,facebook etc , they feel more supported and they feel they are their real friends and the result is that they are not much more interactive and social in real life. And the people with low self esteem become more dependent on social media as they feel they have much more supportive friends and they don’t need to talk to people in real life.

Positive aspects of social media:

* keeps us informed about the world and political affairs
* quicker communication
* educates people

# Negative aspects of social media

* false impression about the world
* beauty standards
* negative behavior towards people

As mass media has a impact on our society like on TV every sort of dramas and films are shown and each individual watching them has different mindset,they can adopt any sort of negative or positive action from that drama or film . so it has a impact of the individual which is why it is necessary to show appropraite content on Tv.

Now when a person on social media sees another individual posting about their lives and sees that this person has everything and I don’t so he starts going in depression and wishes to be just like that individual and starts to find ways to be like them, it is very important for us to understand that whatever a person posts on social media is just a happy moment of his/her life and these moments also come in our lives ,its not like that person becomes any better than us ,we all choose to show our perfect and best side of life on social media as we want to impress others nobody posts about their problems or if they are crying on social media as we all are in a race to show who is better and this attitude harms us a lot in many ways so social media has negative and positive both affects on the people .

Social media tells us about things around the world and affects our thinking towards an individual or a place or the world as it gives us both negative and positive messges of the world.

However it has made people capable of keeping up with the society , making them aware of the new trends , making them confident In their skin, many social media influencers help others by talking to them and share their problems ,making them to communicate with one another in much easier ways and if a person is in another corner of the world they can still call them and see them through apps like skype and video call them.

Social media has a great influence on our attitude , behavior ,emotions and concept about ourselves , it is the most powerful and influential agent of socialization and is now the most important agent in our lives as we cant go a day without social media it keeps us updated about everything