

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

HUL 271 – INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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Major Exam Date – 08-05 2023

Time: 11.00 am to 1.00 pm Room No. LHC 121

Please read the question paper carefully before answering.

Total Marks: 40 marks

Part I

Do three out of the four questions given below. Each question is for 10 marks

1. Shilpa Phadke says “This paper interrogates the discourse of safety in public space to argue that making a claim to the right to take risks in public space rather than petitioning for safety might take women further in the struggle to access public space as citizens.”

Please discuss what you understand by this statement in the context of the study of gender, space and class.

2. Explain what Durkheim means by “extra-social” causes of suicide. How are they correlated with suicide and if they are does that make them into causes? If not, why so?

3. How would you categorize and explain student, farmer or army man suicides? Painful as it might be to think about, how would you explain suicides in India’s elite educational institutions within the framework of Durkheim’s theory?

4. Discuss the implications for contemporary family and gender relations of the “individualization” process taking place within the framework of a capitalistic society.

Part II

1. Write a short note on any of the presentation topics in your tutorial group, avoiding your own topic. (5 marks)

Short answers

2. Why do Protestants have the highest rates of suicide among all Christian denominations? (2 mark)
3. How is the relationship between individual and society defined in altruistic suicide? (1 mark)
4. How does capitalism profit from the ideal model of the nuclear family? (2 mark)