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Relevance to the question	include arguments acc. to demand of Q.
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Content	try to inculcate diverse aspects to address key demand of Q.
Presentation (Neatness, charts, diagrams as required)	handwriting should be easily legible.



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Sociology Mains Test Series

Test - 1 (Chapter 1,2 & 3)

Question 1. Discuss How counter enlightenment provided goal for sociology. (10 Marks)

Question 2. Elaborate the main tenets of interpretative perspective in sociology. (10 Marks)

Question 3. What are the limitations of quantitative methods of social research? critically Analyse. (10 Marks)

Question 4. Discuss how Erving Goffman's dramaturgical perspective enhances our understanding of everyday life. Illustrate with examples. (10 Marks)

Question 5. "Non - positivistic methodology is essential for understanding human behavior." Discuss (10 Marks)

(All the Questions shall be answered in not more than 150 words)



Question 1. Discuss How counter enlightenment provided goal for sociology. (10 Marks)

Irving Zeitlin in his book 'the development of Sociological theories' 1996 stated that 'Early Sociology is the response of enlightenment';

Enlightenment phase started in Europe aftermath of some of the political, economical,

intellectual & commercial revolution. It can be said that enlightenment also ignited the fire of intellectual development.

Rousseau & provided 'Social Contract' theory &

Montesquieu provided "separation of powers". Industrial revolution changed the means of production as society transformed from agricultural society to industrial society.

French revolution promoted ideas of liberty, equality & fraternity.

Despite being promoted enlightenment as the major cause an emergence of sociology, it is also seen that the counter enlightenment thoughts propounded by Bonald & Maistre ignited the debate for going back to middle ages.



Counter Enlightenment ideas argues that *would not clear*

→ Enlightenment ideas produced chaos in the society.

→ Social or public disorders. No social cohesion left.

→ chain of hierarchy broken. No authority able to bind society.

To understand the above existing points, there was a emergence to sociology which also refers to

↳ understanding changing social base

(feudal lord, Religion, Democracy ↑)

↳ Rise of modernity

should write clearly.

↳ understand issues & responses of problems

↳ providing solutions - ??

not legible

therefore, the emergence of sociology is culmination of all the forces which were existed at the time of enlightenment whether it counters it or not.



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Question 2. Elaborate the main tenets of interpretative perspective in sociology. (10 Marks)

Weber propounded the 'interpretative sociology' to understand individual perspectives or what values he/she attach while taking an action.

Tenets of Interpretative Sociology

① Understanding action from perspective of individual

② Using methods like Verstehen i.e. understanding or comprehending the subjective matter

③ This studies also helps in generating other social fields like Interactionism which also talks about individual perspectives

④ Use of Ideal types to compare existing phenomena

⑤ Herbert Blumer - Symbolic Interactionism

⑥ Cooley - 'looking glass self' which makes us understand that we are product of not only our own thoughts but of the Society.

write clearly as tenet

→ Should discuss these points as tenets of interpretative perspective as specifically asked in ②.



② Role performing acts in the theory

③ G.H. Mead Symbolic interactionism →
Development of self (play, game stage)

Despite its usage, it has certain limitations
in Sociological studies

① Issue of Generalization. Research from the
same inputs can produce diff result

② Subjective interpretation of researcher
(Hawthorne effect)

③ Time Consuming

④ Ethical concern while observing other individuals.

briefly write criticism
to add another aspect

The interpretative research found to be one of the
great method which changes sociological studies
which was focused only on positivist approach.
It gives an alternative to researcher to
produce result for subjective understanding
of objective result.

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demand of Q

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Question 3. What are the limitations of quantitative methods of Social research? critically Analyse. (10 Marks)

Earl R. Babbie in his 'The practice of Social research' provided diff methodology to ~~etc~~ understand Quantitative Methods. introduce/define quantitative methods first.

Quantitative Methods types (QM)

- Survey
- Interview
- Polls etc.

features of QM → Numerical, statistical, generalisability is very high, Reliable, Validity is series.

Limitation of QM

→ does not include intricacies of Behaviour level changes.

→ factor, objectivity & values sometimes are in dichotomous or Nature. It is the investigator who makes or decide the best use of it.

→ individual perspective & subjective feelings are not captured by QM.

→ try to substantiate argument with relevant examples & thinkers.

similar to above points
try to create diverse aspects



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- Major studies like Malinowski on religion, Weber's use of Verstehen in interpretative sociology, Mead's Symbolic Interactionism is not possible under QM.
- Researcher & participant does not interact at all
- Longitudinal studies are missing

highlight heading.

Despite its limitation, QM helps sociologist in multiple studies

- ↳ Durkheim's study of suicide (Multivariate analysis - Religion, gender, mental status)
- ↳ Development of govt. policies through Census, polls & survey.
- ↳ Low time consuming with high Validity & Reliability.

As Han Bryman said, that we should use research method based on the requirement (purpose research) and promoted Methodological pluralism.

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Question 4. Discuss how Erving Goffman's dramaturgical perspective enhances our understanding of everyday life. Illustrate with examples. (10 Marks)

Erving Goffman's dramaturgical perspective provides that people in the society are performing drama & doing their role based on the situation presented to them.

Dramaturgical perspective enhances in understanding everyday life

Role Playing

① Role of Manager in companies is changed when they reach their home. that means the location also determined their role performance.
because they are fulfilling their job responsibility while in home they might performing family responsibility by being father or son.

discuss his views first then write example for better understanding

② Impression management - By this a process by which individual attempt to control the impression of him which other forms.
eg person in job interview dresses formal to look professional

→ need to work on handwriting



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② front stage & Back stage

Individual performs its role in the front stage as per societal expectations. he knows that affirming societal means renewal his. while on Back stage he does not constrain by societal expectations & do what he actually wanted to do.

One of the best eg. of Dramaturgical perspective in present context is the use of Social Media. people put their fake images which portrays them happy to others (front stage) but on background they might not feel as as was showing in social media (Back stage)

By viewing everyday's life through the lens of dramaturgical perspective, we can expand our understanding and increase subt of sociology

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Question 5. "Non-positivistic methodology is essential for understanding human behavior." Discuss (10 Marks)

The emergence of sociology is grounded in the social situation presented by modernity.

Modernity was ignited by intellectual ideas

(Rousseau Social Contract, Montesquieu Separation of Power), Scientific revolution (Newtonian physics), Industrial revolution & French revolution.

At that time due to high relevancy of scientific method, there was influence towards positivist methodology.

Positivist Methodology → Saint Simon - Social physics
→ Auguste Comte - Social statistics & dynamics
→ Durkheim - Multivariate Analysis ~~Sociology~~

But with the time passing, there are research which cannot be done by positivist methodology like interpretative, interactionism, phenomenology etc that lead to emergence of Non-positivist methodology.

Non-Positivist methodology → All Mead - Symbolic interactionism
→ Cooley - Looking glass self
→ Weber - Interpretative sociology
→ Ethnography by Harold Garfinkel
→ Phenomenology by Alfred Schütz



NP essential for understanding human behaviour

- ① Individual perspective can only be understood through NP. Individual attach their subjective interpretation to the action they perform which makes their action worthy studying.
- ② ^{natural} Science involves matter whereas in sociology when we study human behaviour, they have consciousness which cannot be exactly studied with the same method as used in Natural Science.
- ③ study of phenomena (phenomenologist) have no heuristic, therefore subjective interpretation write complete sentence.
- ④ Symbolic interactionism - symbols, gesture, words attached.
- ⑤ Body & Mind Continuum should also discuss criticism of non-position.

As said by Alan Baymians, we must proceed with Methodological pluralism & perfusion research. Recent studies by Deirda - Deconstruction & Mars is discusses also promote different methods in sociological studies.