

Semester II Examinations, 2003/2004
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Exam(s)	1 st Arts
Module Code(s)	SP101
Module(s)	Introduction to Sociology/Irish Society
Paper No.	1
Repeat Paper	Special Paper
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Instructions:

You must attempt THREE questions. Choose ANY three from the list below. You have three hours.

Duration	3hs
No. of Answer books	1

Requirements:

Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
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Other Material	

No. of Pages	2
Department(s)	Political Science & Sociology

SP101 Introduction to Sociology/Irish Society

Time allowed: THREE hours

Answer THREE questions

1. What does 'sociological thinking' involve? Describe and discuss some of the main preoccupations of one or more of the major sociological thinkers.
2. Discuss and examine Max Weber's ideas on rationality and bureaucracy in modern society. Does rational thinking always serve the best interests of human society?
3. Many sociologists reject the notion of 'human nature'. Instead they view nature as a product of culture. Discuss and use examples to illustrate more general points.
4. Compare and contrast Freud's and Mead's theories of socialisation. How much emphasis do they place on developmental processes in later life?
5. Compare and contrast the explanations for class inequality put forward by Karl Marx, Max Weber, and Kingsley Davis and Wilbert Moore.
6. Evaluate the claim that deviance and crime are "social constructions."
7. EITHER
a) Describe and explain the changes that have occurred to gender and family structures over time in Ireland. How do you think they affect women, men and children in Irish society?
OR
b) Discuss BOTH the functionalist and feminist perspectives on gender and family structures. What are the main differences between the two perspectives?
8. Education "... is seen as a key to modernisation and as a key driver of social, economic and personal change" (Tovey and Share, 2003:188). What can sociological analyses of education reveal about power and inequality in contemporary Irish society?
9. What are the positive and negative aspects of globalization? Discuss some of the problems AND opportunities that globalization brings to the Irish economy and society today.