



4. ASSESSMENT

Self-check Questions

1. Which sociologist is most closely associated with the Formalistic School of Sociology?

A. Emile Durkheim

B. Max Weber

C. Georg Simmel

D. Morris Ginsberg

2. What is a key criticism of the Formalistic School?

A. It is too broad and interdisciplinary.

B. It excludes economic and political structures.

C. It overemphasizes empirical data.

D. It ignores the importance of social forms.

3. According to Emile Durkheim, what are social facts?

A. Subjective interpretations of individual behavior

B. Abstract social patterns

C. External and constraining norms and structures

D. Historical narratives of societies

4. Which school of thought argues that sociology should integrate knowledge from various disciplines like economics and psychology?

A. Formalistic School

B. Particularistic School

C. Functionalist School

D. Synthetic School

5. What method did Max Weber advocate for understanding social action?

A. Positivism



B. Verstehen (interpretative understanding)

C. Structuralism

D. Conflict theory

6. The Formalistic School focuses on studying specific institutions like religion and the economy.

7. The Synthetic School supports using both abstract forms and concrete institutions in sociological study.

8. Leopold von Wiese classified social relationships into associative and dissociative processes.

9. Emile Durkheim believed sociology should avoid using methods from the natural sciences.

10. Modern sociology strictly adheres to the principles of the Synthetic School only.

Answers to MCQ

1. C. Georg Simmel

2. B. It excludes economic and political structures.

3. External and constraining norms and structures

4. D. Synthetic School

5. B. Verstehen (interpretative understanding)

6. False

7. True

8. True

9. False

10. False

Short Answer Questions

1. What is the main focus of the Formalistic School of Sociology?

2. How did Emile Durkheim define sociology, and what was his methodological approach?



3. What role does interdisciplinary integration play in the Synthetic School?

Long Answer Questions

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1. Compare and contrast the Formalistic and Synthetic Schools of Sociology. What are their main differences in approach and scope?
 2. Discuss the contributions and criticisms of Georg Simmel to the Formalistic School of Sociology.