

## Self evaluation Lecture 27: Deviance-I

Instructions: Please read the following instructions carefully before writing your answers:

- 1) Each Question carries 1 mark.
- 2) There are four alternatives - (A), (B), (C), (D) given against each question out of which only one is the most appropriate answer. If (A) is correct, round on the correct alternative like (A).
- 3) **The discarded answer if any, must be crossed properly and supported by initial of the candidate.**
- 4) If a question is answered wrongly or more than one answers are marked, 0.25 marks will be deducted for each such question.

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**Fill in the blanks.**

Q.1. Deviance is defined as the ...

- (A) Departure from the fruits of development
- (B) Departure from values
- (C) Departure from approved ways or norms
- (D) Departure from the native place

Q.2. In the socialization process we ... the norms and values of society and tend to conform to the norms of society.

- (A) Reject
- (B) Create
- (C) Internalize
- (D) None of the above

Q.3. The theory of ... helps significantly in explanation of deviance at the micro level.

- (A) Symbolic interactionism
- (B) Marxism
- (C) Cultural capital
- (D) All of the above

Q.4. ... are mores defined in a negative manner.

- (A) Folkways
- (B) Laws
- (C) Taboos
- (D) Fads

Q.5. The members of the communal groups ... the norms of the group.

- (A) Conform to
- (B) Deviate from
- (C) Are free to deviate from
- (D) None of the above

- Q.6. Same sex marriage in India is de-criminalized by the court. This shows that ...
- (A) In modern India people are free to decide for themselves and need not worry about norms
  - (B) With time the definitions of deviance may change
  - (C) Norms cannot be questioned
  - (D) All of the above
- Q.7. ... said that small amount of deviance may be functional as it helps in redefining the norms.
- (A) Karl Marx
  - (B) Emile Durkheim
  - (C) Herbert Spencer
  - (D) Bronislaw Malinowski
- Q.8. In R. K. Merton's theory of deviance the category of... refers to conformity with the values but deviation from the norms.
- (A) Ritualism
  - (B) Rebellion
  - (C) Conformists
  - (D) Innovation
- Q.9. R. K. Merton was looking for ... reasons behind prevalence of deviance in the competitive society of US.
- (A) Old
  - (B) Religious
  - (C) Personal
  - (D) Structural
- Q.10. As a rule ... come from the rising classes.
- (A) Conformists
  - (B) Revolutionaries
  - (C) Ritualists
  - (D) Innovators

### **Subjective question**

- Q.1. How would you define deviance? Can deviance be good also?
- Q.2. Can deviance be seen as departure from values of society also or it has to be defined as deviance from the norms of society only. What definition of deviance will you recommend for sociological analysis and why?
- Q.3. Discuss in detail the Merton's theory of deviance.
- Q.4. Which are more crucial for society – folkways or mores? Why? Are taboos more crucial than mores?
- Q.5. Give two examples each of conformists, innovators, ritualists, retreatists and rebellions.

### **Exercises**

E.1. What kind of deviant Gautam Buddha, Subhash Chandra Bose and Jesus Christ were? Was Gandhi a conformist or a deviant? If he was deviant, why do some people call him a traditionalist?

E.2. Watch the film *Raz-3*. Does it depict any deviance? Deviance from what? What is the result of deviance for the deviant, for significant others and for society?

E.3. See the following conversation between a Zamindar and Gandhi.

Zamindar: Where shall we stand when India is independent?

MKG: You will be as free as any scavenger ...

Zamindar: Many ancient zamindars existed long before the advent of the British.

MKG: Anything that is ancient and consistent with moral values has a title to be retained. *Per contra* anything that does not conform to moral values has to go. Wrong has no prescriptive right to exist merely because it is of long standing.

What image of Gandhi does the above conversation portray?

E.4. What is the distinct contribution of symbolic interactionism to understanding of deviance? What conclusions do follow from symbolic interactionist theory?

E.5. Watch the film *Jagte Raho* and comment on deviance, causes of deviance and possibility of elimination of deviance?