

**Self evaluation**  
**Lecture 37: Perspectives in Sociology-II**

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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**Identify whether the following statements are true or false.**

Q.1 Harold Garfinkel is an American sociologist who studied the issue of construction of the idea of social order.

(A) True (B) False

Q.2. Through his counseling experiments Garfinkel proved that order is more important than conflict.

(A) True (B) False

Q.3. The theory propounded by Garfinkel is known as ethnomethodology.

(A) True (B) False

Q.4. In counseling experiment performed by Garfinkel students were satisfied with the counselor because the counselor had empathy.

(A) True (B) False

Q.5. Two important concepts introduced by Garfinkel are reflexivity and indexicality.

(A) True (B) False

Q.6. George Herbert Mead and Herbert Blumer have focused on subjective meanings and have given rise to the theory of symbolic interactionism.

(A) True (B) False

Q.7. For Herbert Blumer our self is constructed by the understanding of others' reactions towards us.

(A) True (B) False

Q.8. From symbolic interactionist perspective experience and expression of pain are socially constructed.

(A) True (B) False

Q.9. The theory of self fulfilling prophecy says that people's actions are determined by their bio-grammar and instincts and there is very little role for the social.

(A) True (B) False

Q.10. Deviance is one area in which symbolic interactionism does not contribute significantly.

(A) True (B) False

### **Subjective questions**

Q.1. Describe what counseling experiment was used by Harold Garfinkel to support his theory.

Q.2. Explain the concepts of indexicality and reflexivity.

Q.3. Apply symbolic interactionism to explain deviance.

Q.4. What is Herbert Blumer's understanding of self?

Q.5. What are major differences between Marxism and symbolic interactionism?

### **Exercises**

E.1. Meet a group of students in your college and explore their subjective meanings of education.

E.2. Identify some good and some bad students in your class and try to understand what feedback they routinely get from others (colleagues, teachers, family members and friends) and how does that make them good or bad.

E.3. Meet a person seen as deviant in some way. Study his life history and identify a few factors that made him deviant. Can you take the position that it is society that makes some people deviant?

E.4. Reflect on your view of God. Has it changed? What are the major sources of change on your image of God?

E.5. Apply functional and interactionist theories to speculate causes and remedies of prostitution and poverty.

