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**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022**

**Fourth Semester**

B.A. Sociology

Core Course—SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

(2013—2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**Part A**

*Answer all the following in one word each.*

*Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ as a closed social stratification system in which membership is determined by birth and remains fixed for life
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is characterized by the existence of unequal opportunities and rewards for different social positions or statuses within a group or society.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a process of differentiation where some people acquire higher ranks while some lower.
4. Gender has been the oldest forms of social \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ are also endogamous groups.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was practiced around the 9th century and it had its influence till the 15th century.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ argues that social stratification cannot be defined solely in terms of class.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ believed social stratification prevented qualified people from attempting to fill roles.
9. The book Some principles of Stratification was written by \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ states social stratification is necessary to promote excellence, productivity, and efficiency, thus giving people something to strive for.

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B (Short Answers)**

*Answer any eight of the following.*

*Each question carries 2 marks.*

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| 11. Feudalism.            | 12. Aristocrats.  |
| 13. Caste discrimination. | 14. Social order. |

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| 15. Social structure.      | 16. Chaturvarna.      |
| 17. Pure caste.            | 18. Ascribed status.  |
| 19. Gender stratification. | 20. Untouchability.   |
| 21. Social position.       | 22. Social exclusion. |

(8 × 2 = 16)

**Part C (Short Essays)**

*Answer any **six** of the following.*

*Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. Describe the meaning and characteristics of social stratification.
24. Bring out the basic principles and functions of Social stratification.
25. Write a brief note on caste system and system of social stratification.
26. Explain the key components of agrarian social stratification.
27. What do you mean by Land based inequality ?
28. Globalisation has resulted in more forms of stratification in society-justify it.
29. Briefly explain Max Weber's multiple criteria approach to the study of stratification in society.
30. Describe the characteristic features of social stratification given by Melvin Tumin.
31. Distinguish between social class and social stratification.

(6 × 4 = 24)

**Part D (Essays)**

*Answer any **two** of the following.*

*Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. Explain the major determinants of rural based and urban based inequality.
33. Critically analyse the functional perspective of Talcott Parsons on social stratification.
34. Discuss class, estate and slavery are major systems of social stratification.
35. Describe Kingsley Davis and W.E. Moore argument regarding the functional aspect of social stratification.

(2 × 15 = 30)

