**Course title: Sociology**

**Class: Freshmen (World economics)**

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**Questions for the first Colloquium**

1. How to approach studying sociology?
2. What is sociology?
3. Write about the differences between sociology and commonsense
4. What is meant by sociological thinking?
5. Describe the relationship between the individual and society
6. What are the differences between socialisation and identity formation?
7. Describe the nature of sociological research and explain why it is important to know how research is done.
8. Identify the key criteria by which research is evaluated.
9. Explain what is meant by a research design and how the nature of the research design influences the data that is collected.
10. Identify the characteristics of survey, experimental, comparative and ethnographic research designs?
11. Describe the key research methods: interviews, observations, the analysis of official statistics and documents.
12. What is the sociological research?
13. What are the main features of Mead's sociological concept?
14. What are the basic characteristics of Parson's sociological concept?
15. Describe Mark Weber's concept of sociology?
16. Write about Karl Mark's approach to society.
17. What is sociology about?
18. How do sociologists do research?
19. What is the relationship between theory and method in sociology?
20. How have sociologists tried to explain how societies work and change?
21. Describe social institutions
22. Write about Rober Merton's concept of anomie
23. Contradict Marx and Weber’s views on sociology
24. Why do we need to study society?
25. What are the main differences between Mead and Parson's views to society?
26. Write about Weber and idealism
27. Write about Parson’s voluntaristic theory of social action
28. What does Blumer’s concept “Symbolic interactionism” mean?
29. Explain mechanical and organic solidarity
30. Write about sociology of postmodernity
31. What does ethnomethodology mean?
32. Identify the key aspects of positivist theory
33. Parson’s concept of moving equilibrium
34. What is the structural functionalism?
35. Explain a concept of labeling theory
36. Write about Parson’s ideas on the social system and social structure
37. Explain Mark’s concept base and superstructure
38. Write about evaluation of postmodern theory
39. Explain Mead’s concept of self
40. Write about Weber and rationalization
41. Explain how research is underpinned by theoretical ideas
42. Write about the key aspects of interpretivist approaches in sociology
43. Write about ontological and epistemological issues in sociology
44. What was the main idea of Enlightenment?
45. Explain what is meant by realism in sociology
46. Outline the key aspects of realism.
47. Describe the interpretivist critique of positivism
48. Compare modernity with post-modernity
49. Outline the key aspects of positivism
50. How realism is different from interpretivism.
51. Explain Mark’s and materialism (from the perspectives of nature)
52. Describe what is meant by an ontology/epistemology problem in sociology
53. Compare pre-modernity with modernity
54. Describe Mark’s concept of the labour theory of value
55. Outline the key aspects of interpretivism
56. Write about Durkheim’s key ideas on sociology
57. How realism is different from positivism
58. Write about the definition of globalization
59. What does the radicalization of modernity mean?
60. Explain the limits of global politics
61. Describe a "world-system" in globalization
62. Explain the concept of "Global scapes" of Arjun Appadurai
63. What is the network society?
64. Write about the concept of "risk society"
65. Explain a concept of secualarization
66. Write about religion and social integration
67. Write about religion and economic culture
68. Write about religion and modernity
69. Write about religion and globalization
70. Write about religion and social conflict
71. Characterize the research based on religious issue
72. What are the main principles of secularization
73. Mark's theory of social inequality
74. Write about Weber's concept of stratification and power
75. Weber theory of class
76. Is class or status the primary basis of justice?
77. What does it mean injustice based on ethnicity?
78. What does it mean injustice based on gender?