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Class :	12SE
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Duration :	2 hours

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- The most important thing to remember in taking an exam is NEVER PANIC
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Choose one of the following subjects

First Subject:

Sociology will become a true science if it treats social facts as things

1- Explain this judgment for Durkheim and state the problematic it raises.

2- Discuss this judgment in the light of other theories.

3- Do you believe that social media might have a positive influence on our norms and traditions? Justify.

Second Subject:

Our psychic life escapes us, it is governed by dark and unconscious motives.

1- Explain this judgment of Freud and identify the problematic it raises.

2- Discuss this judgment emphasizing the role of consciousness in psychic life.

3- Is it necessary to consult a psychologist after a trauma caused by a catastrophe? Justify.

Third Subject:

Thus, although the impression a star makes on my eye is not larger than that from the flame of a candle, I do not, nevertheless, experience any real or positive impulse making me believe that the star is not greater than the flame, but I have thought so since my youth without any rational justification… Since it is known to me that we only perceive bodies by the ability of understanding which is in us, and not by imagination or the senses. We do not know them by seeing or touching, but only by the fact the we perceive them by thought. Therefore, I know that there is nothing easier for me to know than my mind. But because it is almost impossible to quickly get rid of an old opinion, it will be better for me to ponder, so that, by the length of my meditation, I engrave this new knowledge deeply on my memory.

Descartes

1- Explain this text and state the problematic it raises. (9pts)

2- Discuss this text in the light of other theories. (7pts)

3-Do you think that new technologies manipulate our perceptions? Justify your answer. (4pts)

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First Subject:

1. Intro : General idea on knowledge and its importance in the life of man. Idea about social sciences and Sociology. Problematics : What is the preferred method in sociology? Should the social fact be studied as an object through the experimental method? Is there not some subjectivity present? (2pts)

Without writing these (2pts)

Paragraph 2: Indeed this judgment defends Durkheim's point of view on the best method to be used in sociology ... ... Durkheim and Comte's thoughts Social phenomena should be treated and studied as natural phenomena (5pts)

→ Explanatory method requires an approach similar to that used in experimental sciences : description of facts, surveys, studies of particular cases, comparative history, ethnology, and statistics, in order to come up with laws drawn from the concrete observed facts (+ examples)

2. Paragraph 3: However ... the positivists ignored the dimension of the human being. (2pts)

+ the objectivity required is less interested in man who should be the main concern

Paragraph 4: On the other hand : Comprehensive and interpretative theory by weber. the aim is not to derive general laws of social life but to grasp each concrete situation in its unique character
→ Place of subjectivity related to some factors either related to the researcher, or to the subject-object relationship or to the place of the researcher. (+ examples)

without writing these (3pts)

Paragraph 5 : All in all, ... both theories together could give us a better insight on sociology (2pts)

3. Paragraph 6: Start by paraphrasing the question and give 2 arguments
4pts

with with
or against against
or with against

Second Subject:

1. Intro: General idea about the human mind and the psychic life of man. (2pts)

Without writing this → Problematics: what controls our psychic life? Is it totally unconscious? Or does the consciousness play a role? (2pts)

Paragraph 2: Indeed this judgment defends Freud's theory on psychic life.
Id, ego, superego + Examples
5 sexual stages + Examples
(5pts) Proofs of the unconsciousness controlling human's life: dreams, lapses, forgetting, missed acts, hallucinations, psychoanalysis

2. Paragraph 3: However ... criticism of the unconsciousness theory,
(2pts) too much sexuality
collective consciousness

Paragraph 4: On the other hand, many philosophers and psychologists defended the role of consciousness.
Descartes: "I think therefore I am"
Husserl: "Every consciousness is consciousness of sth"
(3pts) Kant: "Consciousness is an activity of synthesis".
Sartre: "Unconsciousness is a lie to oneself".

Consciousness is an activity of choice, reflection and adaptation.
Introspection.
(5 are enough but with elaboration and examples)

without writing this → Paragraph 5: All in all, ... both consciousness and unconsciousness play a role in human life...

(2pts)

3. Paragraph 6: → Start by paraphrasing the statement + 2 arguments

(4pts)

- both with
- both against
- one with one against

Third Subject

1. Intro: General idea about the human being and the 3 dimensions past, present and future. (2pts)

(without these → Intro)

Problematics: What is the nature of our perception? If perceiving is a relation between a perceiving subject and a perceived object which of these two entities is the most decisive? (2pts)

Paragraph 2: Indeed, this text defends the intellectualists' theory on perception.
"... an idea on the intellectualists ..."
(5pts) Descartes on perception + ideas from the text.
Lagneau, Lalande, Alain....
Each idea with examples.

2. Paragraph 3: However ... criticism of the intellectualists' theory of perception
(2pts) → it depends on the intellectual level of the subject
→ Didn't explain perception in the children's mind, nor perception of new objects

Paragraph 4: On the other hand, there is the Gestalt's theory on perception.
"... Who are the Gestalts ..."
(3pts) Their principles: proximity, ressemblance symmetry, continuity, closure, background
each idea with examples.

Paragraph 5: All in all ... both theories have shown us importance of the subject perceiving along with the object perceived ...

(2pts) ↑ without writing these

3. Paragraph 6: Start by paraphrasing the question +2 arguments

(4pts)

- both with
- or both against
- or one with and one against