M-Phil Entrance Exam (SAMPLE PAPER)

Department of Sociology

Forman Christian College- A Chartered University

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Time: 1hr 30 minutes

Instructions:

- Please attempt two questions in total. Each question must be chosen from a different section (A-D).
- Use the Answer Sheets provided to write structured essays for the two questions you will be answering.
- Forty-five minutes have been allocated for each question. Each question carries equal marks.

Section A: Sociological Theory

Q1. There are more advantages for theories of structural functionalism compared to theories of interpretivism. Please assess this claim?

or

Q2. Do you agree that conflict theories are more useful in explaining the complex problems faced in Pakistan?

Section B: Gender and Stratification

Q1. Which gender theories can help us to understand the barriers women face in educational attainment and achievement?

or

Q2. Assess the strengths and limitations of dependency theories which attempt to explain global inequality?

Section C: Culture and Development

Q1. How does the study of sociology help in explaining the relationship between culture and economic development?

or

Q2. Discuss the relationship between cultural deprivation and educational achievement?

Section D: Research Methods

Q1. Using sociological research methods, design a study you would want to conduct during your M-Phil program (including all operationalization stages)?

or

Q2. Assess the claim that research methods are most effective when combined together through mixed methods?