

Q: Three school of thought Ibn-e Khaldoon,
August Comte and Spencer are staunch
advocates of evolutionary perspective.

What is the gist of law of three
stages proposed by August Comte?

Introduction :

Three schools of thought in sociology
Ibn Khaldun, August Comte and Herbert
Spencer are very famous ~~philosophers~~
~~or~~ sociologists. Ibn Khaldun was the
father of sociology. He gave the
concept of Atasabiya. August Comte
was the founding father of
sociology. He gave the concept
of positivism. Herbert Spencer he
gave the theory of social Darwinism.
Comte gave the three stages
of law.

Law of Three Stage

Ibn-e-Khaldun, August Comte and
Herbert Spencer evolutionary pers)

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very poor

Ans: Auguste Comte - ¹ Main work - ~~Complete philosophy~~
Stages - The Theological stage - law of Three
stage and the positive stage - The Metaphysic
social Organisation and progress - stages in
views regarding sociology.

Biographic sketch of Auguste Comte:

Auguste Comte :- The french philosopher
Auguste Comte (1798-1857) It was he
who laid the foundation of sociology
and is acclaimed as the "father
of sociology". He coined the term
sociology from the Latin socius
("social being with others") and
the Greek logos ("study of") to describe
a new science that would engage
in the study of society.
Comte's theory that societies contain
social statics (forces for social
order and stability) and social
dynamics (forces for conflict and
change) continues to be used,

although not in these exact terms in contemporary sociology.

Main work of Comte:

1- "The prospectus of the scientific work required for the reorganisation of society", 1822 - A joint work of Comte and Saint Simon.

2- "positive philosophy", 1830 - 1842 - in six volumes.

3- "positive polity", 1851-54 in four volumes.

Comte's philosophy:

Comte's philosophy known as positivism - a belief that the world can best be understood through scientific inquiry.

Meaning of positivism:

Positivism refers to "the doctrine formulated by Comte which asserts that the only true knowledge in scientific knowledge, that is, knowledge that which describes and

explains the co-existence and succession
of observable phenomena including
both physical and social phenomena.

Nature of Comte's Positivism:
Comte's positivism had two

dimensions. 1- Methodological 2- Social and political

1- Methodological:
The application of scientific knowledge to both physical and social phenomena.

2- Social and political:
The use of such knowledge to predict the likely results of different policies so that the best one could be chosen.

Of particular importance is Comte's idea that the nature of human thinking and knowledge passed through several stages as societies evolved from simple to more complex.

Comte described how the idea systems and their corresponding social structure arrangements changed in what he termed the law of three stages.

Law of Three Stages:

The Theory "The Law of Three Stages" constitutes one of the main contributions of Comte to the field of sociological thought. The three stages are as follows.

First stage: Theological or Fictitious stage

Second stage: Metaphysical or Abstract stage

Third stage: Positive or scientific stage

Theological stage: explanations were based on religion and the

super natural. The primitive person everywhere tend to think in

supernatural beings". They believe

in all kinds of fetishes in which spirits of supernatural

beings live. Hence, "Fetichism"

as a form of religion started
and it admitted of no priesthood,
because its gods are individuals,
each residing in fixed objects.
When the mind of primitive man became
better organised fetishism became
too many fetishes became cumbersome
Hence, they started believing in several
gods. Thus arose polytheism. They created
the class of priests to get the good
will and the blessing of these gods. The
presence of too many gods also
created for them mental contradictions.
Hence, they arranged the gods, in the
form of hierarchy. Finally they
developed the idea of one god
slowly feeling and imagination
started giving place to thinking and
rationality. Monotheism is the climax of
August Comte and his thoughts. The
Theological stage of thinking, this kind

scientific way of thinking

"In the final, As Comte stated, the mind has given positive stages, vain search over the the origin and Absolute notions, universe, and the destination of the and applies it self causes phenomena, of their laws - that is, their invariable relations of succession and resemblance."

Comte developed his concept of positivism which is a purely intellectual way of looking at the world. He stressed the need for observation and classification of phenomena. He even said that it is futile to try to determine cause
"We can observe uniformities, or laws, but it is mere speculation to assign cause to these uniformities."

formal conclusion and formal intro is missing ans is not coherent and has unnecessary info over all average ans ,main theme of law of three stages is not written and explained enough there needed more explanation on the main asked ans 7/20 need alot of improvement