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PART-II

Q3. Explain the concept of deviance. What is Emile Durkheim's theory of deviance and the role it plays in maintaining social stability?

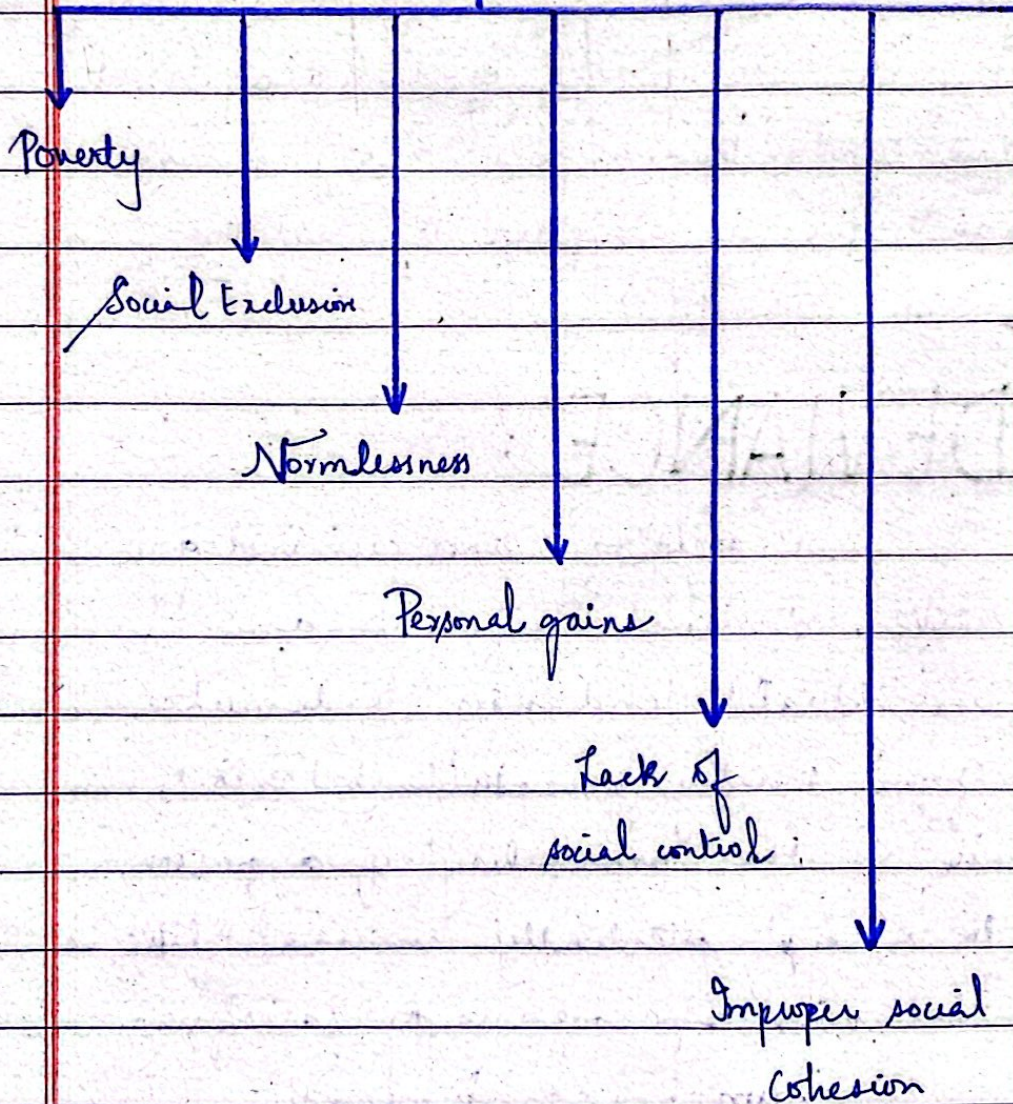
Ans 3.

DEVIANCE :

In sociology and criminology alike, deviance refers to an individual's tendency to deviate from socially acceptable behaviors. It is the possibility of a person to adopt potentially criminal-like behaviors for means of satisfying their own personal means.

In a society, there can be numerous personal or societal factors that lead a person to deviate.

Reasons for Deviant Behavior



These factors, collectively, contribute towards the prevalence of deviance in a society.

EMILE DURKHEIM'S THEORY OF DEVIANCE

Emile Durkheim is one of the most significant contributors in the field of sociology. He also introduced the concept of anomie - to help understand deviant or isolated behavior and the potential causes for that.

- ANOMIE — According to Emile, prolonged periods of isolation and lack of interaction can lead to the state of anomie. When individuals cease to interact and get apart, it can potentially put them through a period of normlessness.

A critical analysis of Emile Durkheim's theory of deviance shows that the sociologist spoke in favor of the deviant act and how it holds the capacity to strengthen a society as a whole.

1. Deviance leads to strengthened social control:

When deviant acts are configured and a punishment is set to be decided upon, it helps the society realize the extent to which they need to strengthen their social control. It highlights the importance of stronger laws to be set to control the spreading of such deviant acts. In a way, deviance helps pinpoint a society's weak points.

2. Creates a strong bond:

Uniting under a socially unacceptable act, in order to set a relevant punishment, also creates a strong bond amongst the individuals in a society. It gives them the opportunity to agree upon different things unanimously and creates social cohesion.

3. Understand other's grievances:

Deviant behavior also creates awareness in a society. It gives other people to understand the grievances of the less fortunate and develop an understanding for them.

4. Collectively work towards social stability:

Society, thus, can collectively work towards creating social stability and pinpoint the various domains across which it needs to create sturdy and robust bonds.

Emile Durkheim's theory of deviance is a very subjective approach towards understanding an individual's deviant behavior and the potential reasons behind them. This does not just help create social

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cohesion, but also helps the society understand the deviant's reasons for outrage.

Q 5. Discuss feminist theories in sociology. How do they address gender inequality, in education, employment and politics?

Ans. 5:

FEMINISM:

Feminism refers to the act of promoting equality for women across the same domains as men.

It is the need for an equivalent behavior and stance towards women's education, employment and even social standing — in association with a man.

In the field of sociology, there are many fundamental approaches towards understanding feminism:

- **Liberal feminism:**

Liberal feminism advocates for a thorough and broad-minded approach towards women and their freedom. It talks in support of women and their due independence and a free-will to live their life according to their own preferences.

- **Marxist feminism:**

Marxist feminism is an approach presented by Karl Marx. It speaks in favour of giving women their due rights to life, equality, fairness, education, justice and liberty. It advocates for women empowerment and a world of free-will for women.

- **Radical feminism:**

Radical feminism is an approach towards female

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independences radically. The word radical here means to keep a revolutionary stance towards women empowerment and to liberalise them across all walks of life.

Feminism is a highly debated topic since the past two centuries. Even in today's world, it is an ongoing movement. These sociological theories of feminism have played a crucial role in addressing the prevalence of inequality towards women in the fields of politics, education and employment. It highlighted the importance of understanding females and their empowerment for a smooth functioning of the society as a whole. This is because men and women are

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both an integral part of the society and their strength and equality is crucial.

Q 6. Write a short note on any TWO of the following:

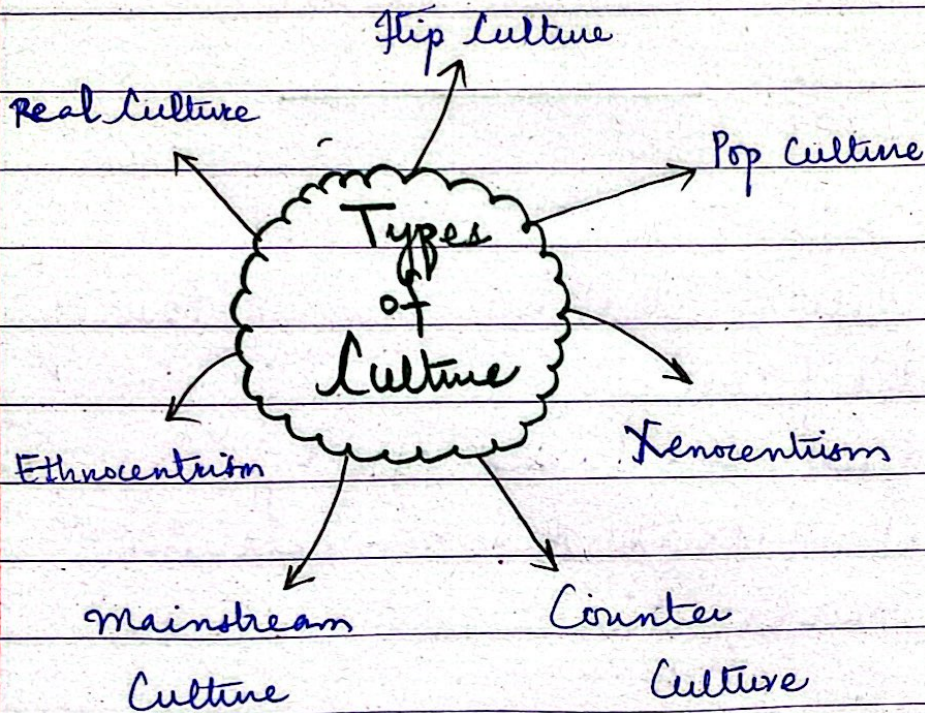
- 1- Social Control and its types
- 2- Ethnocentrism And Xenocentrism
- 3- Socialization.

Ans b) ETHNOCENTRISM AND XENOCENTRISM

CULTURE :

Culture is the way people live with shared beliefs, norms and values. It is the collective existence of people under a shared belief system.

Culture has various types and forms, some of which include the following:



Xenocentrism

Ethnocentrism

Definition

Xenocentrism is the act of considering one's culture more superior than any others.

Ethnocentrism is the act of considering one's culture inferior to others.

Explanation

In such cultures, people give more

As for ethnocentrism, the people who

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importance to their own cultures and judge other's culture on the basis of one's own.

are a part of such cultures tend consider their own culture not as good or worse off than others

Example

Following of western culture in Pakistan— modern clothing, Cambridge school system, etc. This is an example of Ethnocentrism

Considering of Islamic and Eastern cultures as backward and western cultures as modern and better is an example of Xenocentrism

c) SOCIALIZATION:

Socialization is the act of interaction amongst the individuals in a society.

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According to Aristotle,

The only person who can live without a society is either a beast or God Himself?

Socialization is crucial to the existence of man. Without interaction, man cannot live on his own. Examples include.

→ Anala & Kamala —

The two sisters who walked on all fours as they used to live with bears.

→ 7-year old Tom —

He wandered off into the forests at a very young age and did not come back for years. When he appeared again, he did not know how to speak human language or how to interact.

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The examples above highlight the importance of socialization. Socialization is basically a mere means of interaction for holistic and interactionist purposes. The interaction is without any ulterior motive and only for the sake of understanding and communication for one another.
