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1. Consider the following statements regarding L.H. Morgan's theories on social evolution:  
I. Morgan's concept of progress from savagery to civilization mirrors the evolution of legal systems from informal to formal codifications.  
II. According to Morgan, technological advancements are the primary drivers of changes in social structure.  
III. Morgan posited that kinship systems evolve from simple to complex forms, reflecting broader societal changes.  
IV. Morgan's theories suggest that the economic base of a society directly determines its social and political superstructures.  
V. In Morgan's framework, the development of writing systems is seen as a critical juncture in the transition between barbarism and civilization.  
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
(1) I and III only  
(2) I, II, IV, and V only  
(3) I, III, and V only  
(4) II, III, IV, and V only  
Answer Key: 3  
Solution:  
• Statement I (Correct): Morgan's analysis indeed correlates the evolution of legal systems with societal stages, marking a progression from less formal to more formal legal structures as societies evolve.  
• Statement II (Incorrect): While Morgan acknowledged the role of technological advancements, he did not consider them the primary drivers; instead, he emphasized the influence of social and familial structures.  
• Statement III (Correct): Morgan's analysis of kinship systems, detailed in his work on systems ranging from consanguine to civilized, shows a clear progression and complexity reflecting societal evolution.  
• Statement IV (Incorrect): Morgan did not explicitly argue that the economic base directly determines social and political structures; his focus was more on cultural and familial aspects.  
• Statement V (Correct): Morgan highlighted the development of writing as a pivotal development in human society, marking a critical transition in his stages of social evolution.  
Hence, Option (3) is the right answer.  
  
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2. Consider the following statements about Vilfredo Pareto's sociological theories:  
I. Pareto argued that logical actions are those that are derived purely from a rational assessment of utility.  
II. Pareto's concept of residues explains individual actions as manifestations of underlying, persistent social instincts.  
III. The circulation of elites, according to Pareto, is an inevitable phenomenon driven by the entropy inherent in socio-economic systems.  
IV. Pareto's theories imply that economic equilibria are inherently unstable due to the dynamics of elites and non-elites.  
V. Pareto believed that the rise and fall of elites could be entirely predicted through empirical analysis of social cycles.  
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
(1) I, II, and III only  
(2) II, III, IV, and V only  
(3) I, III, and IV only  
(4) I, II, IV, and V only  
Answer Key: 2  
Solution:  
• Statement I (Incorrect): Pareto distinguished between logical and non-logical actions, suggesting that many actions, even those involving utility, are often non-logical and driven by sentiments or residues.  
• Statement II (Correct): Pareto's residues concept posits that certain consistent patterns of behavior (residues) underpin much of human action, reflecting deeper social instincts.  
• Statement III (Correct): The circulation of elites is a core idea in Pareto’s sociology, where he theorizes that elites continuously replace each other, not due to entropy but due to their nature and actions in power dynamics.  
• Statement IV (Correct): Pareto viewed economic systems as part of broader social systems, inherently unstable due to the continuous dynamics and conflicts between different groups, particularly elites.  
• Statement V (Incorrect): While Pareto discussed patterns in the rise and fall of elites, he did not claim these could be precisely predicted; he acknowledged the complexity and variability in social phenomena.  
Hence, Option (2) is the right answer.  
  
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3. Consider the following statements about Herbert Spencer's contributions to sociology:  
I. Spencer's analogy of society to a biological organism emphasizes the interdependence of various social institutions.  
II. Spencer predicted that industrial societies would eventually evolve into completely peaceful entities without any conflict.  
III. According to Spencer, social Darwinism justifies the application of the 'survival of the fittest' to economic and social policies.  
IV. Spencer argued that governmental intervention should be minimal as social systems naturally evolve towards increasing complexity and stability.  
V. Spencer's theories imply that technological advancements inevitably lead to ethical improvements in society.  
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
(1) I, II, and III only  
(2) I, III, IV, and V only  
(3) I, II, IV, and V only  
(4) II, III, IV, and V only  
Answer Key: 1  
Solution:  
• Statement I (Correct): Spencer's organic analogy describes society as a living organism where each part (institution) has a specific function and is interdependent, much like organs in a biological body.  
• Statement II (Correct): While Spencer was optimistic about the progression towards more cooperative industrial societies, his prediction of a completely peaceful society was more an ideal than an observed inevitability.  
• Statement III (Correct): Spencer is often associated with social Darwinism, which applies Darwinian concepts like 'survival of the fittest' to societies, advocating minimal governmental intervention and a laissez-faire approach to social and economic issues.  
• Statement IV (Incorrect): Although Spencer advocated for minimal government intervention, his primary concern was not the evolution towards complexity but rather the natural ability of societal systems to regulate themselves.  
• Statement V (Incorrect): Spencer did not explicitly link technological advancements with ethical improvements; his focus was more on how societal structures adapt and evolve.  
Hence, Option (1) is the right answer.