

## ASSIGNMENT-X

1. Tom ..... his hand when he was cooking the dinner  
(a) burnt (b) was busning  
(c) has burnt (d) is busning
2. They ..... out after lunch and they've just come back.  
(a) went (b) go  
(c) have gone (d) are gone
3. Don't worry ..... late tonight.  
(a) if I am (b) when I am  
(c) when I'll be (d) if I'll be
4. There's plenty of time. You ..... hurry.  
(a) don't have to (b) mustn't  
(c) when I'll be (d) if I'll be
5. I wish I ..... a car. I would make life so much easier.  
(a) have (b) had  
(c) would have (d) could have

**Directions (Ques. 6 to 10) : Identify errors in the following sentences.**

6. Susan was wearing a black Jeans.  
(a) wearing (b) was  
(c) a (d) None of these
7. I, for biden its your father.  
(a) forbidden (b) its  
(c) both (a) and (b) (d) None of these
8. We're good friends. We has been knowing each other for a long time  
(a) has been (b) each other  
(c) knowing (d) a long time
9. I don't like very not weather. Thirty degrees are too warm for me.  
(a) are (b) weathers  
(c) degrees (d) No errors
10. Politics are not meant for young boys.  
(a) meant (b) are  
(c) politics (d) No error

**Directions for Q 11 - 15 :** For each of the words below, a contextual usage is provided. Pick the word from the alternatives given that is most inappropriate in the given context.

11. Specious : A specious arguments is not simply a false one but one that has the ring of truth.  
(a) Deceitful (b) Fallacious  
(c) Credible (d) Deceptive
12. Obviate : The new mass transit system may obviate the need for the use of personal cars.  
(a) Prevent (b) Forestall  
(c) Preclude (d) Bolster

13. Disuse : Some words fall into disuse as technology makes objects obsolete.  
(a) Prevalent (b) Discarded  
(c) Obliterated (d) Unfashionable
14. Parsimonious : The evidence was constructed from very parsimonious scraps of information.  
(a) Frugal (b) Penurious  
(c) Thrifty (d) Altruistic
15. Facetious : When I suggested that war is a method of controlling population, my father remarked that I was being facetious.  
(a) Jovian (b) Joival  
(c) Jocular (d) Joking

**Directions for Q 16 - 20 :** Read the passage carefully and answer the question given below.

Emile Durkheim, the first person to be formally recognized as a sociologist and the most scientific of the pioneers, conducted a study that stands as research model for sociologists today. His investigation of suicide was, in fact, the first sociological study to use statistics. In *Suicide* (1964, originally published in 1897) Durkheim documented his contention that some aspects of human behaviour even something as allegedly individualistic as suicide— can be explained without reference to individuals.

Like all of Durkheim's work, suicide must be viewed the context of his concern for social integration. Durkheim wanted to see if suicide rates within a social entity (for example, a group, organisation, or society) are related to the degree to

which individuals are socially involved (integrated and regulated). Durkheim described three types of suicide : egoistic, altruistic and anomic suicide is promoted when individuals do not have sufficient social ties. Since single (never married) adults, for example, are not heavily involved with family life, they are more likely to commit suicide than the married adults. Altruistic suicide, on the other hand, is more likely to occur when social integration is too strong. The ritual suicide of Hindu widows on their husbands' funeral pyres is one example. Military personnel, trained to lay down their lives for their country, provide another illustration.

Durkheim's third type of suicide — anomic suicide— increases when the social regulation of individuals is disrupted. For example, suicide rates increase during economic depression. People who suddenly find themselves without a job or without hope of finding one are more prone to kill themselves. Suicide may also increase during period of prosperity. People may loosen their social ties by taking new jobs, moving to new communities, or finding new mates.

Using data from the government population reports of several countries (most of it from the French Government Statistical Office), Durkheim found strong support for his line of reasoning. Suicide rates were higher among single than married people, among military personnel than civilians, among divorced than married people, and among people involved in nationwide economic crises.

It is important to realise that Durkheim's primary interest was not in the empirical (observable) indicators he used, such as suicide rates among military personnel, married people, and so forth. Rather, Durkheim used the following indicators to support several of his contentions. (1) Social behaviour can be explained by social rather than psychological factors. (2) Suicide is affected by the degree of integration and regulation within social entities; and (3) Since society can be studied scientifically, sociology is worthy of recognition in the academic world. Durkheim was successful on all three counts.

- 16.** In his study of suicide Durkheim's main purpose was :
- (a) to document that suicide can be explained without reference to the individual.
  - (b) to provide an explanation of the variation in the rate of suicide across societies.
  - (c) to categorise various types of suicide.
  - (d) to document that social behaviour can be explained by social rather than psychological factors.

- 17.** According to Durkheim, suicide rates within a social entity can be explained in terms of :
- (a) absence of social ties
  - (b) disruption of social regulation
  - (c) nature of social integration
  - (d) all of the above
- 18.** Since single adults are not heavily involved with family life, they are more likely to commit suicide which Durkheim categorised as :
- (a) anomic suicide
  - (b) altruistic suicide
  - (c) egoistic suicide
  - (d) both (b) and (c)
- 19.** Higher suicide rate during rapid progress in a society is a manifestation of :
- (a) altruistic suicide
  - (b) anomic suicide
  - (c) egoistic suicide
  - (d) none of the above
- 20.** Ritual suicide of Hindi widows on their husband's funeral pyres was :
- (a) a manifestation of strong social integration
  - (b) an example of brutality against women
  - (c) an example of anomic suicide
  - (d) an example of egoistic suicide

## Answer Sheet (Assignment-X)

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| 1. (a)  | 2. (a)  | 3. (a)  | 4. (c)  | 5. (b)  | 6. (c)  | 7. (c)  | 8. (a)  | 9. (a)  | 10. (b) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (d) | 13. (a) | 14. (d) | 15. (a) | 16. (a) | 17. (d) | 18. (c) | 19. (b) | 20. (a) |

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