

## ***STRUCTURAL SOCIOLOGY QUESTIONS***

Use Best, Griffiths and Hope (2000) *Active Sociology* p.9 ff

1. Who are the founding fathers of structural sociology?
2. What is structural sociology?
3. What was the enlightenment?
4. What two approaches to structuralism are there? Which theorist is associated with each of the approaches?
5. What is the key belief of consensus theory?
6. What is the key idea of Herbert Spencer's individualistic theory?
7. How did Comte and Spencer disagree?
8. Why can Emile Durkheim be described as a founding father of sociology as a discipline?
9. What is the organic analogy?
10. What two things did Durkheim use the organic analogy to explain?
11. What did Durkheim believe was the reality of human nature?
12. In the light of his views on human nature, explain why Durkheim said that we needed society.
13. How did the organic analogy affect Parsons' thinking? What three types of function did Merton describe?
14. What is the significance of 'dysfunction' as a theory?
15. What is ***your personal*** response to functionalism as a theory?