

MODULE III: SYSTEMS THEORY

Week 1 (Tuesday the 7th April; 4pm to 6pm)

1. Introduction
2. Relevant history
3. Other contributions to systems theory
4. The Terminology of General Systems Theory

Assignment to pass latest Saturday 11th April at midday

Section A (MCQs): select the correct answer to the following questions (1 x 5marks)

1. _____ is a way of elaborating increasingly complex systems across a continuum that encompasses the person-in-environment.
A) bio-psychosocial assessment B) system theory C) clients relation theory
2. Who is credited with being the originator of the form of systems theory used in social work. A) Emile Durkheim B) Marx Weber C) Von Bertalanffy
3. General systems theory is likened to a science of _____
A) wholeness B) separate parts C) interaction
4. Durkheim is famous for his concept of _____
A) anomie B) socialization C) sociology
5. The exchange of information between the systems and its environment is regulated by a process called _____ A) outcomes B) output C) feedback

Section B (Filling the blanks): Fill in the blank spaces below with the correct answers (1 x 10marks)

1. The term system emerged from _____ early study of social system.
2. According to Bertalanffy, the main objective of the biological sciences is _____.
3. The two conditions on which the cause-and-effect properties depend on are _____ and _____
4. Von Bertalanffy was influenced by _____ and _____
5. The main interest of Emile Durkheim was _____
6. The main interest of Max Weber was _____
7. Structural functionalism was the theoretical framework of _____
8. The extent to which a message and a message about the message agree with each other is referred to as _____

Section C (Short answer): Answer the following questions. (10marks).

1. What do you understand by the system theory? (2marks)

2. State and briefly explain the four functional states of social systems as delineated by Parson in structural functionalism.(4marks)

- ---

- ---

- ---

- ---

3. Briefly explain and differentiate between micro, mezzo and macro systems. (4marks)
