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Answer key (Sociology)

Part A: Multiple Choice Questions

1. A. The Father of Sociology
2. B. Class struggles and social change
3. A. Social facts
4. C. Verstehen (understanding)
5. B. Evolution

Short Answer Questions

1. Karl Marx's conflict theory focuses on the struggles between different social classes, particularly the bourgeoisie (capitalist class) and the proletariat (working class). He believed that these conflicts drive social change and that the history of society is a history of class struggles.
2. Émile Durkheim's concept of social facts refers to the norms, values, and structures of society that transcend individual members and exert social control. An example of a social fact is the institution of marriage, which shapes individual behaviors and societal expectations.
3. Max Weber's concept of verstehen (understanding) involves understanding the meaning and purpose that individuals attach to their actions from their own perspective. It is significant in sociology because it emphasizes the importance of interpreting social actions to understand human behavior.
4. Herbert Spencer viewed the evolution of societies as a process of increasing complexity and differentiation. He believed that societies evolve from simple, homogeneous structures to more complex and heterogeneous forms, similar to biological evolution.