

SOC 212 E/INS 212 E SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2023

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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION: AUGUST 2023**

**CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY/THEORIES OF INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY**  
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**Time: 3 Hours**

**Subject: SOCIOLOGY**

**Marks: 100**

**Internal Examiners: MS. Z STOFIE AND DR. T MAMBIRAVANA**

**Instructions**

**ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS**

**ALL QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME IN VALUE**

**Please remember that it is in your interest to write legibly**

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**QUESTION 1**

Write short notes on the following as explained by Karl Marx:

- i. Alienation
- ii. Social class
- iii. Mode of production
- iv. Historical materialism

**QUESTION 2**

Critically discuss the strengths and weaknesses of functionalist theory.

**QUESTION 3**

Classical sociological theories evolved from a multiplicity of factors. Explain four factors that influenced the evolution of classical sociological theories.

**QUESTION 4**

How did Emile Durkheim explain the relationship between the evolving industrial society of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and suicide?

**QUESTION 5:**

Neuman (1997) defines social theory as a "system of interconnected abstractions or ideas that condense or organise knowledge about the social world". Using Neuman's definition of social theory, explain, how theory can help us understand social reality, such as armed robbery or racism.

**QUESTION 6:** From a Marxist point of view, discuss the relationship between the 'mode of production and the superstructure of the society;

AND

(b) Explain how the relationship between the working class and the capitalists generates conflict.

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