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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer *ALL* the questions set below

SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

QUESTION 1: ECOLOGY AND THE ROLE OF SCHOOL IN SOCIETY

- 1.1 Discuss Bronfenbrenner's theory of ecological system, in your discussion describe the child's ecology in terms of interrelated levels of development. (10)
- 1.2 Which sociological perspective do you think best articulates the role of school in SA? Support your answer (10)
- 1.3 Do you agree with the Marxist view that schools are social battlefields that do not benefit society? Explain your answer in five lines (5)
- [25]

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

QUESTION 2

- 2.1 *Idealism* and *Realism*, are regarded as world ancient philosophies. Mention the TWO other contemporary world philosophies. (2)
- 2.2 Briefly describe the following educational philosophies:
- (a) Perennialism; (5)
- (b) Essentialism and (5)
- (c) Progressivism (5)
- 2.3 Paulo Freire (1921-1997) was a Brazilian whose experiences living in poverty led him to champion education and literacy as the vehicle for social change. In his view, humans must learn to resist oppression and not become its victims, nor oppress others. (2)
- (a) Which educational philosophy is Paulo's work and ideas related to? (6)
- (b) Describe the educational philosophy mentioned in (a) above (25)

HISTORY OF EDUCATION

QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Discuss each of the following education systems:
- (a) Pre-Colonial Education in South Africa (5)
- (b) Missionary education in South Africa (5)
- [10]

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