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INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS ONLY

Question 1

Discuss the main elements of the 'post-capitalist thesis' advanced by Ralf Dahrendorf in his book entitled 'Class and Class Conflict in Industrial Societies'. In your essay, discuss the putative changes that have taken place in post-capitalist societies whose major consequence has been to stem the tide of the rising proletarian revolution that Karl Marx predicted. (33.3)

Question 2

Critically examine the principal elements of Kingsley Davis & Wilbert Moore's thesis on stratification, and discuss the major limitations of their argument. (33.3)

Question 3

According to Marcuse, the notion of the revolution is a chimera (an illusion). The revolution will not materialize because the capitalist society has developed technological capabilities that will enable it to contain it. Discuss the basic tenets of this Marcusean thesis. (33.3)

Question 4

Discuss the major ideas of the African Marxist : **Frantz Fanon** . In your answer, you should address the following: his views on the social, economic, and political conditions in the postcolony; the role of classes in the process of transformation; racism in colonial society; and his account for the movement of history (societal change). (33.3)

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