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CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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DEGREE/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS:

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Time: 2 Hours

Subject: SOCIOLOGY

Marks: 50

Internal Examiners:

MR. L. WANA and DR. Z.S STOFILÉ

Instructions

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, STUDENT NUMBER, NAME OF THE COURSE, COURSE CODE AND THE DATE OF THIS TEST IN THE SPACES PROVIDED IN YOUR ANSWER BOOK.

ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS, ONE FROM SECTION A AND ONE FROM SECTION B

ALL QUESTIONS ARE OF EQUAL VALUE. NOTE THAT IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO WRITE LEGIBLY.

SECTION A

ANSWER ONLY ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION, EITHER QUESTION ONE OR TWO

QUESTION 1

Critically discuss the strengths and weaknesses of functionalist theory. [25]

QUESTION 2

Analyse the role of sociology according to Auguste Comte. How did he envision sociology as a science? [25]

SECTION B

ANSWER ONLY ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION, EITHER QUESTION THREE OR FOUR

QUESTION 3

Evaluate Karl Marx's analysis of capitalism as a social system, taking into account the social relations of production, the superstructure and alienation. [25]

QUESTION 4

Weber's celebrated work – The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism – is a classic account of the factors that sparked the emergence of capitalism in the West. Discuss this statement. [25]

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