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CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY / THEORIES OF INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

Time: 3 Hours

Subject: SOCIOLOGY

Marks: 100

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### 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 ANY **THREE (3)** QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS ARE THE SAME IN VALUE. NOTE THAT IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST TO WRITE LEGIBLY.

**QUESTION 1**

Different schools of thought in sociology make different assumptions about society. Discuss at least four differences between the assumptions of functionalism and conflict theory.

**QUESTION 2**

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 3**

(a) Critically discuss Max Weber's concept of rationalization in 19<sup>th</sup> Century European society.

AND

(b) Discuss Max Weber's view on the 'spirit of capitalism' and the economic development of Western Europe?

**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**

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.

**QUESTION 6**

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

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