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TITLE OF PAPER : **SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

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TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :
1. **ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
2. **ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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QUESTION 1

Citing relevant examples, compare and contrast micro-and macro-level theories.

QUESTION 2

Briefly outline Weber's ideal type of bureaucracy and Ritzer's characterization of McDonaldization. In what ways has Ritzer advanced Weber's argument into a discussion of new forms of organization?

QUESTION 3

In Parsons' description of the social system, he defines four subsystems which are distinguished by their respective functions. Identify these subsystems and explain how they are interpreted and internalised in social action.

QUESTION 4

What is meant by the term social integration? Examine how Durkheim uses this concept in his analysis of suicide.

QUESTION 5

Identify and discuss the key characteristics of conflict theory according to Ralf Dahrendorf.

QUESTION 6

Analyse the theoretical debate regarding agency and structure. In what ways can the divergent viewpoints be reconciled?

QUESTION 7

In what ways is socialist feminism an integration of Marxist and radical feminist thought?

QUESTION 8

What is post-modernism? Focusing on the works of either Foucault or Baudrillard, identify and analyse the essential characteristics of post-modernism.