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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2005**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **ADVANCED THEORY AND METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY**

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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**

Define the term theoretical integration and discuss the extent to which the works of Emile Durkheim constitute an integrated sociological paradigm.

**QUESTION 2**

Compare and contrast theoretical and methodological statements of any two social theorists regarding the subject matter of sociology and approaches to empirical data.

**QUESTION 3**

Critically discuss the use of the methods of natural science to study social phenomena.

**QUESTION 4**

Citing relevant examples, analyse the basic components of scientific theories.

**QUESTION 5**

Outline and discuss the key premises of interpretive approaches to understanding human action.

**QUESTION 6**

Identify and discuss the major characteristics of feminist social research.

**QUESTION 7**

Citing relevant examples, discuss the coding procedures employed in grounded theory analysis.

**QUESTION 8**

Analyse the major differences between qualitative and quantitative research reports. Provide appropriate examples in your analysis.