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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2006

TITLE OF PAPER	:	**SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**
COURSE CODE	:	**SOC 301**
TIME ALLOWED	:	**THREE (3) HOURS**
INSTRUCTIONS	:	1. ANSWER ANY <u>FOUR</u> (4) QUESTIONS.
		2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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QUESTION 1

How does Durkheim apply the concept of social integration in his analysis of suicide.

QUESTION 2

Critically discuss Talcott Parsons' general system of action with specific reference to the cybernetic hierarchy.

QUESTION 3

Evaluate Max Weber's arguments regarding the rationalization of society.

QUESTION 4

Examine Ralf Dahrendorf's thesis that systematic conflicts are always caused by the differential distribution of authority.

QUESTION 5

How does socialist feminism explain structural oppression?

QUESTION 6

Explain the extent to which social stratification is inevitable and functional for society. Provide examples to support your viewpoints.

QUESTION 7

Identify and discuss the social-structural impediments to the development of class consciousness among the working class in contemporary societies.

QUESTION 8

To what extent would you agree with Jean Baudrillard's argument that contemporary societies are characterized by simulations?