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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2006**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **THE SOCIOLOGY OF ORGANIZATIONS**

**COURSE CODE** : **SOC 408**

**TIME ALLOWED** : **TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.**  
**2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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**QUESTION 1**

Some sociologists have suggested that open communication in a bureaucracy can be a hindrance to coordinated activity and to efficient and speedy decision-making. Discuss.

**QUESTION 2**

The tendency for informal networks to develop is an inherent feature of formal organisations. Explain.

**QUESTION 3**

According to Foucault, the architecture of modern organizations is closely connected to surveillance as a means of securing obedience, and more to those in authority. Discuss.

**QUESTION 4**

Using the Japanese model of organizational change, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of group oriented production as a technique for building corporate culture.

**QUESTION 5**

It has often been asserted that, Transnational Corporations (TNCs) are at the heart of economic globalization. Explain.

**QUESTION 6**

Discuss ways in which any oligarchic government set-up can undermine existing organizational structures. Use any African country to illustrate your answer.