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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2007**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**COURSE CODE** : **SOC 301**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS** :

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

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**QUESTION 1**

Distinguish between micro and macro-level theories. Use the major theoretical perspectives in sociology to illustrate this distinction.

**QUESTION 2**

Evaluate Emile Durkheim's analysis of the division of labour in society.

**QUESTION 3**

To what extent would you agree with the symbolic interactionist view that human beings are producers rather than products of their social world?

**QUESTION 4**

Discuss the relationship between Talcott Parsons's AGIL (adaptation, goal attainment, integration and latency) framework and his analysis of the general system of action.

**QUESTION 5**

Analyse Max Weber's arguments regarding rationality and the rationalisation of society.

**QUESTION 6**

Critically discuss the dimensions of the McDonaldisation process.

**QUESTION 7**

Outline the theoretical controversy regarding consensus and conflict within social systems, and explain the extent to which these divergent viewpoints can be reconciled.

**QUESTION 8**

Discuss the contemporary liberal feminist explanation of gender inequality.