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**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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**

Citing appropriate examples, explain the relationship between theory and research.

**QUESTION 2**

Critically examine Max Weber's analysis of social action.

**QUESTION 3**

Evaluate Robert Merton's structural functionalism.

**QUESTION 4**

Identify and discuss the functions of social conflict.

**QUESTION 5**

Explain what is meant by the term looking-glass self and discuss Charles Horton Cooley's arguments regarding the self.

**QUESTION 6**

Examine Jean Baudrillard's arguments regarding the differences between primitive and contemporary societies.

**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.