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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2007**

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

**COURSE CODE** : **SOC 413**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS** :

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

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**QUESTION 1**

In what ways does interpretive social science differ from positivism with regard to assumptions about the fundamental nature of social reality?

**QUESTION 2**

Citing appropriate examples, discuss the major levels of social analysis that constitute an integrated sociological paradigm.

**QUESTION 3**

Define the term social fact and discuss the extent to which you agree with Durkheim's argument that social facts are not located in individual consciousness.

**QUESTION 4**

Analyse the principles of participatory action research (PAR).

**QUESTION 5**

Discuss Zygmunt Bauman's concept of liquid modernity with specific reference to emancipation and individuality.

**QUESTION 6**

Examine the use of classificatory methods in sociology. Provide relevant examples from the sociological literature.

**QUESTION 7**

Identify and discuss the methodological concerns shared by both qualitative and quantitative researchers.

**QUESTION 8**

Discuss the basic types of coding employed in grounded theory research.