

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2008

<u>TITLE OF PAPER</u>	:	SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
<u>COURSE CODE</u>	:	SOC301
<u>TIME ALLOWED</u>	:	THREE (3) HOURS
<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>	1.	ANSWER ANY <u>FOUR</u> (4) QUESTIONS.
	3.	ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

SOC301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. Provide a comparative analysis of the Marxian and Weberian models of the class structure in capitalist societies.
2. In what ways are the key features of social-historical change that characterised the Western experience of modernity reflected in the works of either Auguste Comte or Herbert Spencer?
3. Define what is meant by the term mode of production and explain how Karl Marx posited the relationship between the material base and the ideological superstructure.
4. Explain the extent to which Durkheim's typology of suicide meets his methodological requirement that priority should be given to social facts over psychological conditions.
5. Outline the major assumptions of Dahrendorf's conflict theory and explain why the theory has been criticized.
6. Critically discuss Giddens' theory of structuration.
7. Explain what Baudrillard means by the term hyperreality, and discuss the main manifestations of hyperreality in contemporary society.
8. Summarize and critique the main assumptions of the functional theory of stratification. Provide appropriate examples to support your viewpoints.