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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2011

TITLE OF PAPER : SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE : SOC301

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

SOC301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. Define the term positivism and critically examine the methodological strategies proposed by Auguste Comte.
2. Critically discuss Max Weber's typology of rationality. Provide appropriate examples to support your arguments.
3. Evaluate Karl Marx's analysis of the structure and future of capitalism.
4. Examine Emile Durkheim's use of the terms *integration* and *regulation* in his analysis of suicide.
5. Discuss the theoretical controversy regarding agency and structure in sociological analysis.
6. Analyse the four major explanations of gender difference propounded by feminist theorists.
7. Explain the practices and techniques by which control is exercised over people by non-state agencies according to Michel Foucault.
8. Discuss the notion of cultural convergence with specific reference to McDonaldization.