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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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. What distinguishes sociological theorising from theorising by lay people?
2. Discuss the role of concepts and theoretical statements in theory construction.
3. Examine Karl Marx's arguments regarding human potential and alienation.
4. Discuss any two interpretations of Durkheim's typology of suicide from the literature.
5. To what extent would you agree with the view that social stratification is functional for society?
6. Provide a comparative analysis of the theoretical ideas of Talcott Parsons and Robert Merton.
7. Analyse Anthony Giddens's structuration theory.
8. Define the term governmentality and explain the three basic instruments available to those who seek to observe and control people in a variety of situations.