

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER MAY 2011

TITLE OF PAPER ADVANCED THEORY AND METHOD IN SOCIOLOGY

COURSE CODE SOC413

TIME ALLOWED THREE (3) HOURS

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

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

QUESTION ONE (1)

Critique the interpretive social science research approach.

QUESTION TWO (2)

How do ethical contexts and issues influence the conduct of sociological research?

QUESTION THREE (3)

- a) Explain the three conditions of causality in research.
- b) Examine the role of theoretical explanations in research. Illustrate your answer with examples.

QUESTION FOUR (4)

Evaluate the basic assumptions, concepts and key arguments of postmodern research.

QUESTION FIVE (5)

Outline the characteristics of Alfred Schutz's phenomenology of everyday life. Point out the strengths and weaknesses of Schutz's phenomenology.

QUESTION SIX (6)

Suppose you are required to determine factors that can contribute to condom use in sexual encounters in any given community, outline and justify the research approach you would adopt.

QUESTION SEVEN (7)

The age (in years) and the number of hours slept in a day by 10 infants are as follows:

Age (X)	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.9
Hours										
Slept (Y)	14.9	14.5	13.9	14.1	13.9	13.7	14.3	13.9	14.0	14.1

Calculate the Pearson's Product Moment coefficient of correlation and interpret your results.

QUESTION EIGHT (8)

The data below shows a random sample of Economics, Law and Sociology articles and if and how they were coauthored. At alpha (α) = 0.01, can you conclude that the subject matter and co-authorship are related?

<u>Coauthorship</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>		
	Economics	Law	Sociology
Coauthored	47	44	50
Internationally coauthored	17	9	16
Not coauthored	36	47	34