

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**  
**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2013**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**COURSE CODE** : **SOC301**

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

- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. **ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS: TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A, AND TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**
  2. **ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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

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**SECTION A:**

*Answer TWO questions from this section.*

1. Examine the influence of the Enlightenment on the development of sociological theory.
2. Compare and contrast the approaches of any two classical social theorists with regard to their analysis of social order and social change.
3. Distinguish between material and non-material social facts, and critically examine the different types of non-material social facts.
4. Explain what is meant by the term protestant ethic, and discuss how Max Weber posited the relationship between religion and the rise of capitalism.

**SECTION B:**

*Answer TWO questions from this section.*

5. With specific reference to Talcott Parsons's AGIL scheme and the four action systems, discuss the view that Parsons was primarily concerned with order and integration in society.
6. To what extent would you agree with the argument that socialist feminism builds upon and goes beyond Karl Marx's historical materialism? Provide examples to support your viewpoints.
7. Critically discuss Anthony Giddens's structuration theory.
8. Discuss the convergence and homogenization of culture across the globe with specific reference to George Ritzer's McDonaldization of society thesis.