

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 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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**SOC301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**SECTION A:**

*Answer TWO questions from this section.*

1. Explain how the conservative reaction to the Enlightenment provided the basis for the development of sociological theory.
2. Critically examine Karl Marx's materialist conception of history.
3. Examine Emile Durkheim's analysis of the nature and role of the collective conscience in traditional and modern societies.
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. Discuss Parsons's response to the criticism that he offered a structural theory that was unable to deal with social change.
6. In what ways does ethnomethodology challenge conventional sociology? Provide examples with specific reference to the works of Harold Garfinkel.
7. Discuss the convergence and homogenization of culture across the globe with specific reference to George Ritzer's McDonaldization of society thesis.
8. State the main assumptions of postmodern social theory, and explain why the theory has been criticized.