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**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2012**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY

**COURSE CODE** : SOC409

**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.**

## **SOC409: INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY**

1. Discuss at least three definitions of work, and highlight the difficulties of delineating the world of work from the sphere of non-work.
2. With specific reference to the role of economic surplus and technology in promoting social inequality, evaluate Gerhard Lenski's theory of the origin of social stratification.
3. Critically discuss professionalization as a means of control.
4. Assess the positivist conceptualization of skill. Provide appropriate examples to support your arguments.
5. Citing examples from the literature, discuss the relationship between alienation and technological and organizational changes over time.
6. Discuss the social consequences of unemployment in contemporary society.
7. To what extent would you agree with the view that Daniel Bell idealized service work and underestimated the growth of routine white-collar work in post-industrial society?
8. With specific reference to the violent strike action at Lonmin's Marikana mine in South Africa in 2012, assess the situational approach to explaining violent strike activity in unionized workplaces.