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TITLE OF PAPER: ADVANCED THEORY AND

                                   METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY

COURSE CODE: SOC 413

TIME ALLOWED;   THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1.   ANSWER ANY FOURS (4) QUESTIONS

                     2.   ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

                     3.   TOTAL MARKS 100

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SOC 413 ADVANCED THEORY AND METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY

Answer any four (4) Questions. All Questions Carry Equal Marks

Q1. How does critical sociology differ from scientific sociology? What are the differences in terms of the basic image of society as well as the goals of research?

Q2. Research design is the whole process of planning a project that is related to theoretical concerns and is easily researchable. It involves issues relating to purposes, methods, styles and strategies of research. Discuss.

Q3. Consider the ethical implications of covert research. To what extent is it ever justified to mislead the subjects of research or to study them without their knowledge?

Q4. Describe the different steps involved in applying content analysis and identify the units of analysis taking appropriate examples.

Q5. According to Garfinkel, ethnomethodology examines processes through which people sustain a taken for granted sense of reality in their everyday encounter. Discuss.

Q6. Why is it important to establish rapport in an interview situation? Explain with reference to a study you are familiar with.

Q7. Calculate the chi-square value for the following information and state whether the two attributes *condition of home* and *condition of child* are independent.

Condition of Child	Condition of Home		
	Clean	Dirty	Total
Clean	110	70	180
Fairly Clean	100	30	130
Dirty	50	60	110
Total	260	160	420

Q8. The marketing manager of a company conducts a survey to determine whether there is a linear relationship between a person's age and the number of magazines to which that person subscribes. The data are shown below.

Age (X):	55	48	26	21	33	50	64	35
Subscriptions (Y):	2	3	0	4	3	0	6	1

Calculate the coefficient of correlation and interpret your result.