

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2015

TITLE OF PAPER : **SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

COURSE CODE : **SOC 301**

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**

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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

SOC 301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

SECTION A:

Answer TWO questions from this section

1. In what ways are the key features of social-historical change that characterized the Western experience of modernity reflected in the works of either Auguste Comte or Emile Durkheim?
2. Compare and contrast the arguments of any two classical social theorists regarding the subject matter of sociology.
3. Discuss Karl Marx's view that the logic of capitalist production would produce the necessary conditions for its overthrow.
4. Define the term *ideal type* and critically discuss Max Weber's methodology of the social sciences.

SECTION B:

Answer TWO questions from this section

5. Provide a comparative analysis of the basic assumptions of structural functionalism and conflict theory.
6. Evaluate Pierre Bourdieu's analysis of the relationship between subjectivism and objectivism.
7. Identify and discuss the defining features of postmodernism in sociological theory. Provide relevant examples to support your viewpoints.
8. Using Patricia Hill Collins's (1990) notion of *matrix of domination*, discuss how intersectionality theory explains women's experience of structural oppression in contemporary society.