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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2018

TITLE OF PAPER : SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

COURSE CODE : SOC 204

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.
3. TOTAL MARKS 100.

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QUESTION 1

Examine the similarities and differences between Marx and Weber in their analyses of class and social stratification.

QUESTION 2

Explain how economic inequality is legitimised, and why it seems to occur to a greater extent in some countries than in others.

QUESTION 3

Previous efforts to reduce the gender gap in social stratification are regressing. Critically discuss this statement, making reference to Swaziland.

QUESTION 4

Discuss issues of access and stratification in higher education, use examples from Swaziland and the Republic of South Africa.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the process of social mobility using examples from a country of your choice.

QUESTION 6

Work and family are key institutions of social inequality. Show how these institutions interact to produce and maintain inequality in contemporary society.