

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER – DECEMBER 2017

TITLE OF PAPER : CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE : SOC313

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

- 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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1. Define classical social theory and discuss the view that what is regarded as classical social theory shifts and changes over time. Illustrate your answer with examples from the literature.
2. Examine the differences between classical idealism and Hegelian idealism.
3. Discuss the development of positivism as a theory of knowledge with specific reference to the work of Auguste Comte.
4. Drawing on Emile Durkheim's typology of suicide, discuss the view that the different types of suicide result from combinations of strength and content of the collective conscience.
5. Critically discuss Karl Marx's model of stratification and class conflict.
6. Discuss Georg Simmel's notion of the tragedy of culture with reference to his analysis of the distinction between objective and subjective culture.