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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2019

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

Using Davis-Moore thesis define social stratification and explain how it is structured, reproduced and maintained in society.

#### QUESTION 2

Higher education plays an undoubtedly important role in promoting social mobility in modern society. Discuss the statement.

#### QUESTION 3

Consider the social differences between individuals who inherited their wealth and individuals who made their wealth. How might they differ in how they display their wealth and their lifestyles?

#### QUESTION 4

Political power is dominated by men in the Kingdom of Eswatini. Discuss the statement, illustrating your answer with examples.

#### QUESTION 5

How does the wage gap increase long term inequality for women? Is gender inequality a necessary and inevitable part of social stratification? Use relevant examples from Eswatini to illustrate your answer.

#### QUESTION 6

“Some scholars have debated whether Max Weber’s analysis of social stratification was intended as a refutation of Karl Marx’s or as a complementary thesis”. Discuss the validity of this statement.