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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER –MAY, 2019

TITLE OF PAPER - SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE - SOC301

TIME ALLOWED - THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS -

- 1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

TOTAL MARKS – 100

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1. With examples, distinguish between a concept, a variable and a statement and indicate their function in the process of theory-building.
2. Critically evaluate the significance of the Age of Enlightenment in the development of the discipline of sociology and sociological theory.
3. Elaborate on the critical social forces that were instrumental to the development of sociological theory with examples of specific theoretical insights that emerged in the classical era.
4. Discuss the key postulates of Davis and Moore's structural theory of stratification and provide a critique of its applicability with examples from modern society.
5. Discuss Max Weber's methodology of the social sciences with reference to his notion of *verstehen*, values and ideal types.
6. Examine the basic principles of the Symbolic Interactionism Perspective and provide a critique of its efficacy.
7.
 - a. Define the characteristics of capitalism as put forward by Karl Marx
 - b. Explain how Karl Marx perceives capitalists as sustaining their power and how this status quo can be changed.
8. Briefly demonstrate your understanding of the following:
 - a. Antony Giddens 'Juggernaut of Modernity'.
 - b. Ulrich Becks 'Globalism' and 'Globality', and
 - c. Zygmunt Bauman's 'Liquid modernity'.