

UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

RE-SIT EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2019

TITLE OF PAPER : CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE : SOC314

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

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

TOTAL MARKS : 100

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SOC314: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. Critically discuss the interchanges among systems and subsystems in Talcott Parsons's AGIL framework. Illustrate your arguments with examples.
2. Compare and contrast the theoretical statements of Ralf Dahrendorf and Lewis Coser regarding the conditions under which conflict is likely to occur in varying degrees in social systems.
3. Using examples, analyse the fundamental assumptions of symbolic interactionism.
4. Drawing on specific feminist theories, analyse the basic theoretical questions that contemporary feminist theorists attempt to answer.
5. Examine how George Ritzer builds upon and extends the Weberian theory of rationalization in his McDonaldization thesis.
6. Define the term disciplinary society, and critically discuss Michel Foucault's arguments regarding instruments of observation and control.