



UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2019

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

COURSE CODE: SOC313

TITLE OF PAPER: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions

Answer any three questions.

Special Requirements

None

Additional Material (s)

None

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SOC313: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. Critically discuss the metaphysical and positive stages in Auguste Comte's *law of the three stages* with specific reference to the cultural system and the structural system.
2. How was the rise of sociology and sociological theory influenced by feminism and the growth of science? Support your arguments with evidence from the literature.
3. Examine the three laws by which the Hegelian dialectic operated. How did Marx build upon and extend these laws in his materialist conception of history?
4. Using examples, state and discuss the basic characteristics of formal rationality. To what extent would you agree with Max Weber's view that formal rationality stands in contrast to the other types of rationality and is especially in conflict with substantive rationality?
5. Anthony Giddens (1972) argues that the collective conscience in mechanical and organic solidarity can be differentiated on four dimensions. With specific reference to the four dimensions, discuss the nature of the collective conscience in the two types of society.
6. Evaluate the contributions of Georg Simmel to the discipline of Sociology.