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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

COURSE CODE: SOC415

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions

1. This paper consists of Section (A) and (B).
2. Section A is compulsory.
3. Answer any two questions from Section B.

Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION ONE

Discuss the usefulness of any two of the following theories in making you understand culture in your community:

- i. Functionalist theory
- ii. Conflict theory
- iii. Symbolic interactionism theory
- iv. Social change theory (50 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the role and importance of culture in your community. Use clear examples to support your case (25 marks).

QUESTION THREE

Drawing from examples in the Eswatini communities, distinguish between material and non-material elements of culture (25 marks).

QUESTION FOUR

Drawing from examples in the Eswatini communities, differentiate sub-culture from counter-culture (25 marks).

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss Logan and Taylor's (1871) stages in the development of culture (25 marks).

QUESTION SIX

With the aid of illustrative examples discuss 'self-referencing criterion' and its effects on how outsiders judge culture of your community (25 marks).