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FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER, MAY 2005

TITLE OF PAPER :

INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY

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TIME ALLOWED

THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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QUESTION 1

What changes in the organisation of work are associated with the transition from industrial capitalism to mass production under monopoly capitalism?

QUESTION 2

Critically assess the contrasting theoretical positions on the rise of a post-industrial society.

QUESTION 3

Outline Braverman's thesis that capitalist development is linked with the degradation and deskilling of work. To what extent would you agree with this thesis?

QUESTION 4

Summarize the basic arguments of the New International Division of Labour theory (NIDL). On what grounds has this theory been criticized?

QUESTION 5

Provide a sociological definition of the term profession and analyse the impact of technological and organizational changes on professional work.

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Identify and critically discuss the determinants of job satisfaction.

QUESTION 7

Compare and contrast any two sociological explanations of violent strike activity in unionised workplaces.

QUESTION 8

How would you assess the future prospects for labour unions in Swaziland? Cite appropriate examples to support your viewpoints.