

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2016

TITLE OF PAPER : **SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

COURSE CODE : **SOC301**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

- INSTRUCTIONS**
- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS:
TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A, AND
TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**
 - 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL
MARKS**

TOTAL MARKS: 100

**THIS QUESTION PAPER MUST NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN
GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.**

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SECTION A

Answer TWO questions from this section.

1. How was the development of sociological theory influenced by religious change and the growth of science?
2. Critically discuss the concept of relations of production in Karl Marx's materialist theory of history.
3. Discuss Durkheim's use of the concept of social integration in his analysis of suicide.
4. Distinguish between formal rationality and substantive rationality, and critically discuss Max Weber's typology of social action.

SECTION B

Answer TWO questions from this section.

5. Examine the functionalist theory of stratification with specific reference to role allocation and performance.
6. Explain what is meant by the term *looking-glass self* and discuss Charles Horton Cooley's arguments regarding the self.
7. Socialist feminism builds upon and moves beyond Karl Marx's historical materialism. Discuss.
8. Define Jean Baudrillard's notion of hyperreality, and discuss the main manifestations of hyperreality in contemporary society.