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SECOND SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, NOVEMBER 2021

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

COURSE CODE: SOC414

TITLE OF PAPER: SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE

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.

Special Requirements

None

Additional Material (s)

None

*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 1

Write brief notes on ‘Sociology of Scientific Knowledge (SSK) with reference to the sociology of scientific ignorance (SSI)’.

SECTION – B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

Distinguish between ‘Sociology of Science’ with ‘Sociology as a Science’ using appropriate examples.

QUESTION 3

Differentiate between Sociology and Psychology on the basis of Durkheim’s, “Theory of suicide”.

QUESTION 4

Evaluate any three objections against the scientific nature of sociology.

QUESTION 5

Examine the contribution of Auguste Comte to the development of the scientific perspective of sociology.

QUESTION 6

Write short notes on any two (2) of the following concepts;

- a. Big Science.
- b. Trust and Authority.
- c. Sociology of mathematical knowledge.