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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF

SOCI 321: FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIOLOGY THEORY

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 29/03/2021

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other two.**

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define the following concepts
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| (i) Theory | (2.5 marks) |
| (ii) Sociological theory | (2.5 marks) |
- (b) Differentiate between the following
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| (i) Micro and macro sociological theories | (3 marks) |
| (ii) Descriptive and explanatory sociological theories | (3 marks) |
| (iii) Ideological and speculative sociological theories | (3 marks) |
| (iv) Inductive and deductive sociological theories | (3 marks) |
| (v) Intuitive and scientific sociological theories | (3 marks) |
- (c) With relevant illustrations elaborate on five key attributes of sociological theories.
(10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Discuss the key arguments of Karl Marx's Social Conflict Theory highlighting its relevance and application to present day Kenyan Society. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) What is your understanding of the concept of social Darwinism? (5 marks)
- (b) Discuss Spencer's social Darwinism in regard to the development of societies.(15 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Sociology would be a “dead discipline” without sociological theories. With relevant examples discuss to what extent you agree/disagree this observation. (5 discussion points) (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Max Weber is one of the most prolific sociologists who made a significant contribution to sociology. Discuss the various contributions of Weber to sociological theory. (20 marks)
