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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMIC & SOCIOLOGY**

**SOCI 422: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 21/09/2021**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two**

**Question two**

- i. Discuss four major historical events that shaped sociological thought. (10 marks)
- ii. Differentiate between classical and contemporary sociological theories. (10 marks)
- iii. Briefly discuss the contribution of three classical sociologists to sociological theory. (10 marks)

**Question two**

Discuss Ralf Danderhorf's analysis of social conflict in contemporary societies and show its applicability in Kenya. (20 marks)

**Question three**

Classical Structural Functionalists posit that societies are inherently functional. Borrowing from Robert Merton's arguments and using relevant examples, discuss to what extent you disagree with that observation. (20 marks)

**Question four**

"Human beings enter into social relationships on the basis of carefully rationalized considerations" Use Peter Blau's and George Horman's arguments to qualify this assertion. Do

you in your own opinion think social relationships are products of a conscious cost benefit analysis? (20 marks)

**Question Five**

The world is becoming increasingly bureaucratized. Borrowing from George rizter's McDonaldization and with examples drawn from Kenya, show how true this observation is. (20 marks)

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