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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**CDEV 301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I**

**STREAMS: BSC (CDEV)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 26/03/2021**

**2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Question ONE is mandatory. Select any TWO questions from section B**

**QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Identify any five characteristics of a good sociological theory and explain how structural functionalism exhibits such characteristics [15 marks]
- (b) Discuss the relationship between theory and research [15 marks]

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION TWO**

- (a) “The Kenyan society is mainly stratified horizontally”. Using relevant examples, critically discuss this statement [15 marks]
- (b) Distinguish between inductive and deductive approaches [5 marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

Discuss conflict theory and explain why some of its postulations are outdated. Use local examples to support your answer. [20 marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

- (a) According to Rostow (1960), countries should be seen as a revolutionary process. Discuss [10 marks]
- (b) What is symbolic interactionism? How relevant is it in understanding Kenya’s social life? [10 marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

Social life is said to be governed by mutual exchange and give and take arrangement. Use local examples to support or disagree with this statement. [20 marks]

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