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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I

STREAMS: CDEV (ODEL)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 6/10/2021

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question one (COMPULSORY) any other two

**Question one**

- a) Explain what the following denotations imply in regard to sociological theories (10 marks)

- Verifiability
- Testability
- Reliability
- Applicability
- Tentativeness

- b) With very valid examples, discuss at least 6 functions of sociological theories. (20 marks)

**Question two**

Discuss the key historical moments which inspired the development of sociological theories. (20 marks)

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**Question three**

Discuss the contribution of Emile Durkheim to the development of sociological thought. Which works of Durkheim do you find the most applicable in the contemporary Kenyan society?

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marks)

**Question four**

- a) Discuss the key arguments of the symbolic interactionism perspective according to George Herbert Mead.
- b) To what extent do you agree/disagree with mead's arguments in as far as human actions are concerned. (20 marks)

**Question five**

- 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)

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