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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?

(20

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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