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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 422: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

STREAMS: SOCIOLOGY

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 11/12/2018

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Contrast between classical and contemporary sociological theories. (10 marks)
- (b) Discuss the main features which make a good sociological theory. (10 marks)
- (c) Discuss the inductive and deductive paradigms in theory building. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Social exchange theory is perhaps one of the most illuminating micro-sociological theories explaining human interactions. Discuss to what extent you agree or disagree with this statement. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

The emergence of fast food chains in Kenya is a manifestation of Ritzers Macdonalidization. Discuss the key arguments of Ritzer's perspective highlighting the major strengths and drawbacks. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

“Neo-Marxists portend that social conflict need not be about scarce economic resources.” Borrowing from Ralt Darnderhorf discuss the import of this statement. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss how Talcoth Parsons describes the functioning of modern societies. Is Kenya's society inherently functional? Give examples. (20 marks)
