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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY 1

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/12/2019

2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions.

1. (a) Explain sociological theory and discuss its characteristics. [10 marks]
(b) Citing relevant examples, evaluate the principles of functionalism in sociological theory. [10 marks]
(c) There exists a reciprocal relationship between theory and research. Discuss. [10 marks]
2. (a) What was the contribution of Herbert Spencer in sociological perspective? [10 marks]
(b) Explain with examples factors that gave rise to the development of sociological theory. [10 marks]
3. Write brief notes on the following; [20 marks]
 - (i) Durkheim's theory of division of labour
 - (ii) Karl Max's theory of class structure and wages
 - (iii) Max Weber's theory of bureaucracy
4. Explain how contemporary sociological theories such as structural functionalism have been used to explain social problems. [20 marks]
5. Write detailed notes on the following; [20 marks]
 - (i) Symbolic interactionism
 - (ii) Feminism theory

(iii) Macro and micro levels of social theory.
