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

CDEV 301: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY I

STREAMS: BSC (CDEV) (ODEL)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 11/04/2023

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO
- Do not write on the question paper

- (a) Define the concept sociological theory [2 marks]
  - (b) The evolution of the society is based on the evolution of the mind through three main stages. Discuss these stages. [12 marks]
  - (c) Describe five characteristics of sociological theories [10 marks]
  - (d) Explain the importance of studying sociological theories [6 marks]
2. Sociological theory was immensely influenced by a series of events which were taking place mostly in Europe from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century. Discuss any five of these events. [20 marks]
3. Discuss the five scholars/sociologists/founders that have contributed to the development of sociology into a social science. [20 marks]
4.
  - (a) Briefly discuss Conflict Theory [10 marks]
  - (b) Explain the criticisms of Symbolic Interactionism theory. [10 marks]
5.
  - (a) Critique feminism theory [10 marks]
  - (b) State and explain five types of societies as illustrated out by Herbert Spencer. [10 marks]