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PROGRAMME: ALL PROGRAMMES
COURSE NAME: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
CODE: SOCI2301
YEAR GROUP: TWO
DATE: TUESDAY, 2017 AUGUST 15
TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
DURATION: 3 HOURS
EXAMINATION TYPE: FINAL

This Examination paper has 8 pages

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) SECTIONS: (A) AND (B)**
- 2. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A**
- 3. SECTION B CONSISTS OF FIVE (5) QUESTIONS. CHOOSE ANY THREE (3)**

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SECTION B

*Instructions: Answer any **THREE (3)** questions from this section.*

Question 1

- A. Explain **FOUR (4)** reasons why some sociologists argue that sociology is a science. *(20 marks)*
- B. Identify **THREE (3)** types of qualitative research methods. *(3 marks)*
- C. Give **ONE (1)** difference between qualitative and quantitative research methods. *(2 marks)*
- (Total 25 marks)*

Question 2

- A. Explain the term culture as used by sociologists, and, with the use of examples, describe **THREE (3)** ways that culture changes. *(13 marks)*
- B. With the use of examples, explain the following terms:
- i. social group
 - ii. crowd
 - iii. category
- (12 marks)*
- (Total 25 marks)*

Question 3

- A. Identify **THREE (3)** mainstream sociological theories. *(3 marks)*
- B. Explain **ONE (1)** of the theories identified at A. above. *(9 marks)*
- C. Which theory best explains Caribbean social reality. *Give reasons for your answer.* *(13 marks)*
- (Total 25 marks)*

Question 4

- A. What is the classic consensus theorist definition of the family? *(4 marks)*
- B. Which theorist is credited with this definition? *(1 mark)*
- C. With the use of **FOUR (4)** different family forms, explain why some have argued that the definition given at **A.** above is no longer relevant in modern western societies. *(20 marks)*

(Total 25 marks)

Question 5

- A. Distinguish between social stratification and social mobility. *(4 marks)*
- B. With the use of illustrations/examples, explain **THREE (3)** types of social mobility. *(12 marks)*
- C. With the use of examples, describe **THREE (3)** forms of stratification systems and the society in which each may be found. *(9 marks)*

(Total 25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION