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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

SOCI 401: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 4/12/2017

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (30MARKS)

1. (i) Define the concepts classical and contemporary sociological theories . [5marks]
(ii) Discuss with relevant examples the major differences between classical and contemporary theories. [5marks]
(iii) What is the theory building process and how do sociologist develop social theories. [5marks]
(iv) Briefly discuss the key thematic areas of contemporary sociological theories. [5marks]
2. Contemporary conflict theorists have been taken a sharp departure from Karl Marx analysis of conflict in modern societies. Borrowing from the works of Ralph Danderhorf quality this statement. Base your arguments on the present day Kenya. [20marks]

SECTION B

3. Modern day societies may not be inherently functional in nature. Drawing from the works of Talcott Parsons and Robert Merton show to what extent you agree /disagree with this assertion. [20marks]

4. Joseph and Agnes have been in a relationship for the last one year . However, their relationship is showing signs of a crack. Use the social exchange theory to explain what is happening in this relationship. [20marks]
 5. Human actions are choreographed to suit different social environments. Using Erving Goffman dramaturgical analysis do you agree /disagree with this assertion? [20marks]
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