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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
 FINAL EXAMINATION 2007/2008
 SSU 1205 – INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 21st September 2008

Time: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Explain the scope of the discipline of Sociology.
2. Describe the contribution made by Emile Durkheim for the development of Sociology as a discipline.
3. Compare and contrast Functionalism with the Conflict Perspective.
4. Explain the significance of Sociological research methods. Discuss two (02) of them paying special attention to their strengths and limitations.
5. Can a person change the social status given to him/her at birth? Discuss the significance of related concepts in Sociology.
6. What are the characteristics of ideal type bureaucracy? Discuss what it constitutes in a locally relevant manner.
7. Assess the importance of social functions performed by the institution of family in the modern world.
8. Explain what is meant by social interaction in building micro and macro level relationships in society.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following
 - (i) Max Weber
 - (ii) Basic elements of a scientific inquiry
 - (iii) Exchange Theory
 - (iv) Reliability and validity of a research
 - (v) Social action
 - (vi) Questionnaires
 - (vii) My favourite sociologist