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BIS 1203: SOCIOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
BDP 1207: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DATE: Monday 16th March 2020

TIME: 10:30 – 12:30

Instructions

1. This examination consists of **FIVE** questions.
2. Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

Questions

1. Critically evaluate the following sociological theories:
 - a) Structural functionalism theory (6 Marks)
 - b) Social conflict theory (6 Marks)
 - c) Symbolic interactionism theory (6 Marks)
 - d) Rational choice theory (6 Marks)
 - e) Social exchange theory (6 Marks)

2. a) What is *sociology*? How can we differentiate sociology from other social sciences, which also study society and human culture? (7 Marks)

- b) Discuss the main socio-political and economic factors behind the emergence of sociology (8 Marks)

3. With clear examples, describe five issues of sociological relevance in the contemporary global society. (15 Marks)

4. a) “A greater proportion of an individual’s personality is a reflection of the type of socialization process he or she has gone through during primary socialization.” Explain. (5 Marks)

- b) “Without socialization a person is a mere biological being.” Discuss. (5 Marks)

- c) Identify the aspects of your personality which you regard as the results of parent socialization, peer influence and the mass media. (5 marks)

5. Discuss how social order is maintained through structure and culture. (15 Marks)