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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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

DATE: Tuesday, 07 March 2017

TIME: 08:45 – 10:45

Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.

1. a. Define Sociology and outline three benefits of studying the subject. 5 marks
b. Outline two fundamental characteristics of the sociological perspective. 4 marks
c. Explain three key assumptions of the sociological perspective 6 marks
d. Using appropriate examples to support your answer, discuss the following sociological processes 15 marks
 - i. Socialization
 - ii. Social stratification
 - iii. Social interaction

2. a. What is meant by Social Structure? 3 marks
b. Analyze the interconnections between positions, identities and social structure. 6 marks
c. Discuss how is social order established through structure? 6 marks

3. a. What is a Social Institution? 3 marks
b. With the help of examples, discuss the functions of three social institutions in society. 12 marks

4. a. Define the term culture. 2 marks
- b. Distinguish between material and non-material culture 2 marks
- c. Explain any three components of culture. 6 marks
- d. Briefly, discuss the relationship between culture and socialization. 5 marks
5. Discuss the extent to which you agree with the statement: *Race, Ethnicity and Gender are quintessentially socially constructed identities (or realities)*. 20 marks