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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF ARTS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
BIS 1203 / BDP1207: SOCIOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

DATE: 13th March 2026 **TIME: 16:00 – 18:00**

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

Question ONE (Basic Concepts: 30 marks)

a. Clearly describe the material and formal objects of Sociology. (**6 marks**)

b. Examine C. Wright Mills concept of the sociological imagination. Why is it important for understanding the relationship between individual experiences and broader social structures? (**4 marks**)

c. Identify the key elements of culture and show how they influence social interaction. (**6 marks**)

d. Define socialization and describe its importance in society. (**4 marks**)

e. Using examples, explain the functions of at least three social institutions in society. (**6 marks**)

f. Explain the concept of social stratification and demonstrate its implications for social inequality. (**4 marks**)

Question TWO

Compare and contrast any two major sociological paradigms. In the process, highlight their key assumptions and contributions to the understanding of society. **(15 marks)**

Question THREE

Discuss the relevance of sociology to the study of international relations and global affairs. Explain how sociological analysis enhances understanding of international issues. **(15 marks)**

Question FOUR

Analyze the role of culture in cross-cultural communication and international cooperation. How can cultural differences contribute to misunderstanding or conflict? **(15 marks)**

Question FIVE

Explore the role of social movements in promoting social and political change at the global level. Use the human rights movement and environmental activism as your reference points. **(15 marks)**