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**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PHILOSOPHY**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

BIS 1203 / BDP1207: SOCIOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

DATE: 14th March 2024

TIME: 15:30-17:30

Instructions: Answer **Question ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions.

1.
 - a.* “At the heart of Sociology is a distinctive point of view. A form of consciousness, a critical way of seeing the *social*.” Elaborate on this claim (5 marks)
 - b.* Outline the three assumptions of the sociological perspective. (6 marks)
 - c.* Explain the key features of each of the three major sociological paradigms. (9 marks)
 - d.* Using examples, describe the following research orientations in Sociology.
 - i. Positive sociology (4 marks)
 - ii. Interpretive sociology (3 marks)
 - iii. Critical sociology (3 marks)
2.
 - a.* State the four defining characteristics of social change. (5 marks)
 - b.* Explain how culture, conflict and ideas direct social change. (10 marks)

3. Use any two sociological theories to account for global inequality. **(15 marks)**
4. Briefly discuss how the following sociological concepts have been infused in international studies: **(15 marks)**
- a. Social structure
 - b. Social institutions
 - c. Social construction of reality
5. Demonstrate how the sociological point view has aided the deepening of the concept of security in international studies. **(15 marks)**