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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

CAMPUS: ROYSAMBU

DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: CDC219

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

DURATION: 2 HOURS

TIME: 0830HRS-1030HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.
- Answer QUESTION 1 and any TWO questions
- ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply

QUESTION 1

A) A deeper understanding of society, both in the modern day and the 19th century, is closely aligned with contemporary and classical sociological theories as developed by the founding fathers of sociology. With this in mind, contrast these sociological theories, using examples from your own social context.

- i) Conflict theory and critical theories (5 Marks)
- ii) Structural functionalism and legitimization crisis (5 Marks)
- iii) Symbolic interactionism and world systems theory (5 Marks)
- iv) Post-modernism and actor network theory (5 Marks)

QUESTION 2

A) Structural functionalism remains dominant in the modern-day society despite the rise of globalization and fluid political environments.

- i) Referring to the above statement, explain **five** ways by which the society can tap on the ideas of structural functionalism, global systems theory and actor network theory to regenerate positively. (10 Marks)
- ii) In focusing on positive societal continuation, explain **five** challenges that a society is likely to face if they solely rely on conflict and critical theories (10 Marks)

QUESTION 3

A. 'Scholars of sociological theories have expressed mixed reactions towards critical theory and the concept of legitimization crisis'. Provide **FIVE** justifications to support your stance. (10 marks)

B. Use relevant examples to explain **five** similarities between conflict theories and critical theories 10 marks

QUESTION 4

- A) 'Economics determines social stratification and inequalities across different classes' Elaborate this statement using conflict perspectives. (5marks)
- B) The ongoing political debates, global world dominance and global risk management are a sensitive discourse likely to cause unprecedented conflicts. Discuss this objectively using the lens of critical theories, risk theories and postmodernisms. (5 marks)
- C) Elaborate the role of legitimization crisis and structural functionalism in managing the case at 'B'. (5marks)
- D) As a professional in your community who advocates for constructive change, list five ways that sociological theories would guide your decision making (5marks)