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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY STUDIES**

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER 2017 DECEMBER EXAMS

MAIN CAMPUS (REGULAR)

COURSE CODE: ZDS 3113

COURSE TITLE: CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORY

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: BA ARTS

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

- 1.(a). Explain the following concepts. (10Mks).
- i. Theory
 - ii. Concept
 - iii. Perspective
 - iv. Feminism
 - v. Conflict
- (b). Define Sociological theory and elaborate on its main characteristics. (10Mks).
- (c). Identify functions of sociological theory in the interpretation of a given social phenomenon. (10Mks).
2. (a). What is functionalism in Sociology? (5Mks).
- (b). Elaborate on Emile Durkheim's emphasis on causes and effects of social phenomena. (15Mks).
3. Discuss the contributions and criticisms of Auguste Comte to positive philosophy. (20Mks).
4. Explain the basis of Karl Marx's theoretical contributions to sociology and his idea of class struggle. (20Mks).
5. Explain ways in which any two of the following sociological theories relate to human development. (20Mks)
- i. Structural functionalism
 - ii. Systems theory
 - iii. Social Exchange
 - iv. Symbolic interactionism.