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MAIN EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2021

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL STUDIES

REGULAR/ODEL PROGRAMME

SSO 412: SOCIOLOGY OF SCIENCE

Date: DECEMBER 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Demonstrate what is considered as science (4 marks)
b) Discuss the view that science comprises a social system. (8 marks)
c) Briefly explain the functionalist views of science (8 marks)
- Q2. With examples, explain the following;
a) Empiricism (10 marks)
b) Rationalism (10 marks)
- Q3. a) Using illustrations, show how the scientific method is used in sociological research. (12 marks)
b) What are the key limitations of using the scientific method in sociological studies? (8 marks)
- Q4. With use of examples, examine the role of scientific communities in Africa's development process (20 marks)
- Q5. Science is progressive but it also has its setbacks. Discuss. (20 marks)

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