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SSO 302: CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORY

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY other TWO Questions

- So302Q1. a) There exists a symbiotic relationship between theory and research. Validate this statement with the use of examples. **(20 marks)**
- b) What do you understand by the following terms? Use illustrations to support your explanation.
- a) Serendipity pattern. **(2 marks)**
- b) Deductive reasoning in theory construction **(8 marks)**
- Q2. Assess the scope and utility of the post-modernist approach in understanding the direction and speed of societal progress in relation to its destruction. **(20 marks)**
- Q3. Success is highly valued in our society. Unfortunately not all the members have an equal chance of achieving it. Discuss the above statement and elaborate on it from a theoretical perspective highlighting the choices available to society. **(20 marks)**
- Q4. The gap between the rich and the poor will disappear only when the capitalist system that has been in place since the 16th century itself disappears (Wallerstein in Sligson, 1993: 217). How true is this statement? **(20 marks)**
- Q5. Write short notes on the following:
- a) Open coding and axial coding **(8 marks)**
- b) The GT process **(12 marks)**

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