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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**JANUARY – APRIL 2018 TRIMESTER**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**SSO 207: CLASSICAL SOCIAL THEORY**

**Date: APRIL 2018**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

- Q1. a) What is social theory? **(4 marks)**  
b) State, discuss and illustrate the characteristics of social theory **(10 marks)**  
c) Social theory plays several important functions in the growth and development of various scientific disciplines. Defend the validity of the above contention, drawing from Abraham M Francis (1982, 1997) **(16 marks)**
- Q2. Write short notes on the following  
a) Social statics **(6 marks)**  
b) Social dynamics **(12 marks)**  
c) Positivism **(2 marks)**  
Use illustrations to show the utility of the above in understanding the African contemporary setup.
- Q3. a) Analyse the applicability of the contributions of Talcott Parsons in understanding society today. **(14 marks)**  
b) What omissions did his arguments have? Base your responses on a scholarly backing **(6 marks)**
- Q4. Drawing from a society of your choice, validate the positions fronted by Herbert Blumer and George Herbert Mead in their arguments for the importance of symbols in society. **(20 marks)**

- Q5. The antagonistic nature existent between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat will only result in a revolution. Argue for or against the feasibility of this statement drawing from scholars. **(20 marks)**

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