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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

REGULAR PROGRAMME

SSO 207: CLASSICAL SOCIAL THEORY

Date: DECEMBER 2020	Duration: 2 hours
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions	

1. a) Why was Durkheim's research on suicide so important to Sociology? (20 marks)
b) Would you argue that his ideas still apply today? **(10 marks)**
2. What are the key elements of social theory? Using examples, bring out their relevance in society today. **(20 marks)**
3. Using illustrations, discuss Karl Mark's concept of exploitation. **(20 marks)**
4. Distinguish between the arguments of Talcott parsons and Robert Merton in the functionalism analysis of thoughts. **(20 marks)**
5. Drawing examples from the African continent, what are some of the criticisms of modernization theory? **(20 marks)**

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