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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**MAY – JULY 2019 TRIMESTER**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**SSO 207: CLASSICAL SOCIAL THEORY**

**Date: JULY 2019**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

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

- Q1. a) Define the term social theory **(3 marks)**
- b) State and discuss the characteristics of sociological theory **(5 marks)**
- c) Discuss at least four ways in which theory and research share as symbiotic relationship **(8 marks)**
- d) You have been asked by a group of 'freshers' to explain how theory is important for sociologists. With an opportunity to impress them with your command of theory, articulate at least five points, supported by contemporary examples **(15 marks)**
- Q2. Distinguish the contributions of Auguste Comte and those of Karl Marx in regard to society's evolution. What short comings do the findings of the two have? **(20marks)**
- Q3. Write short notes on the following:
- a. Value-free methodology **(5 marks)**
  - b. Suicide **(10 marks)**
  - c. Comparative-Level alternative **(5marks)**

- Q4. 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)**
- Q5. Rewards- costs= satisfaction (positive or negative). Drawing from the utilitarian sociological tradition, discuss **(20 marks)**

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