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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**JANUARY – APRIL 2019 TRIMESTER**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**SSO 207: CLASSICAL SOCIAL THEORY**

**Date: APRIL 2019**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

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

- Q1. a) Define social theory? **(5marks)**
- b) With the use of illustrations, state and discuss the characteristics of social theory **(10marks)**
- c) Of what importance is social theory to a student of research methods?  
**(15marks)**
- Q2. Distinguish the contributions of Auguste Comte and those of Karl Marx in regard to society's evolution. What shortcomings do the findings of the two have?  
**(20marks)**
- Q3. Emile Durkheim was one of the key proponents of social theory from France. Critically interrogate his contributions in sociology in terms of their applicability to present-day Africa **(20marks)**
- Q4. Looking at the findings of Merton King and Parsons Talcott, cross-examine the importance of the theory in understanding society. **(20marks)**
- Q5. Write short notes on the following:  
a) Philosophy of money **(5mks)**  
b) Fashion **(10 marks)**

c) Comparative-Level alternative  
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(5marks)