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Sociological Theory

Thursday, 1 June 2006 : 10.00am to 1.00pm

Candidates should answer **FOUR** of the following **TWELVE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. Critically examine the main characteristics of the positivist paradigm.
2. Compare Marx's concept of society as a system with Weber's concept of social action.
3. Critically evaluate Durkheim's account of the role of the division of labour in society.
4. Analyse the role played by ideas in Weber's theory of social change.
5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of symbolic interactionism as a method of sociological analysis.
6. 'Functionalism provides a convincing account of social order but not of social change.' Discuss.
7. 'For ethnomethodologists there is no such thing as society.' Discuss.
8. Give a critical account of **one** of the following:
 - i. ideological state apparatus.
 - ii. structuration theory.
 - iii. the interaction order.
9. Critically evaluate Bourdieu's theory of reflexive sociology.
10. Assess Foucault's contribution to a sociological theory of power.
11. 'Classical sociology studied nation states; modern sociology studies global society.' Discuss the implications of this view for sociological theory.
12. In what ways, if any, has post-modern theory transformed the nature of sociological theory?

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