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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY,
HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION**

HSA 301 MODERN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet.
2. Answer any three questions.
3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page.
4. Each question is worth a total of 20 marks.
5. Credit is given for neat, well-written and lucid work.

QUESTION 1

“Michel Foucault remains one of the most influential thinkers on modern sociological thought”. Evaluate the contribution of his writings to modern sociological theory by paying particular attention to the following:

- a) Power and metapower (5 marks)
- b) Truth and discourse (5 marks)
- c) Truth and power (5 marks)
- d) The intellectual (5 marks)

QUESTION 2

Assess the contribution of ethnomethodology to modern sociological theory.

QUESTION 3

Analyse the manner in which feminist writers in Africa have challenged the basic assumptions of feminist theory steeped in European and American traditions.

QUESTION 4

“Pierre Bourdieu proposed that power in modern societies is culturally and symbolically created, and constantly re-legitimized through an interplay of agency and structure”. Briefly outline Bourdieu’s use of the following:

- a) The “habitus” (6 marks)
- b) Capital (4 marks)
- c) Fields (6 marks)
- d) Doxa (4 marks)

QUESTION 5

“Giddens’ theory of structuration attempts to reconcile the theoretical contradictions of social systems”. Write brief notes on the following:

- a) Agency/structure (4 marks)
 - b) Subjective/objective (4 marks)
 - c) Domination (4 marks)
 - d) Signification (4 marks)
 - e) Legitimation (4 marks)
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