



"Investing in Africa's Future"

(FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES)

History of Sociological Thought – Classics-(HSA205)

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION:(3HRS)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet

2. Answer any TWO Questions from section B

3. Each question is worth 20 marks

4. Begin your answer for each question on a new page

QUESTION 1

Discuss the concept of positive science of society by Comte and explain the broad branches of sociology he suggested that could be studied.

QUESTION 2

Herbert Spencer coined the term social evolution to illustrate social process of change from simple to compound societies. Discuss the various social processes he used to explain and interpret social change.

QUESTION 3

Discuss the characteristics of historical materialism and demonstrate how it interprets social relationships in the modern society.

QUESTION 4

According to Durkheim the preoccupation of the subject of sociology is the study of social facts. Discuss this view and further distinguish between casual explanation and functional analysis when studying social facts.

QUESTION 5

Compare and contrast mechanical and organic solidarity. Give practical examples to support your answer.

QUESTION 6

Weber was interested in interpretation of meaning and social action. Discuss his sociology and the study of social action (*verstehen*).

END OF QUESTIONS
