



**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES
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NHSA205 HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3HRS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Do NOT write your name on the answer sheet**
 - 2. Answer THREE questions only**
 - 3. Begin your answer for each question on a new page**
 - 4. Each question is worth 20 marks**
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1. Analyze the ways in which globalization has reshaped social structures and cultural norms in contemporary societies. Provide specific examples to illustrate your points.
2. Discuss the strengths and limitations of positivism in addressing complex social issues, providing examples to illustrate your points.
3. Discuss how the concept of gender has evolved from binary views to encompass intersectionality and non-binary identities. What social, cultural, and political factors have contributed to this shift?
4. Analyze the relationship between social inequality and access to technology in the context of digitalization. How can sociology address the disparities created by digital divides in contemporary society?
5. Discuss the contributions of Émile Durkheim or August Comte to the establishment of sociology as a distinct academic discipline. How did his theories and methodologies shape the field and influence subsequent sociological research?

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