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NHSA 201: Introduction to Sociology

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.
3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.
4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.
5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation
6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question 1

Maria, a single mother of three children, struggles to cope with various life stressors. She lives in an informal settlement with high unemployment, crime, and limited access to healthcare. She has experienced several personal losses, including the death of her partner, and is currently facing two mental health issues; depression and anxiety. Her children are performing poorly in school, and they often witness violent incidents in their neighborhood, which contribute to their own emotional distress. Maria seeks help from a local community service center where professionals from sociology, social work, and psychology work together to develop a comprehensive support plan.

- a) Discuss how sociology, social work, and psychology each contribute to understanding and addressing the issues faced by Maria and her family.
- b) Highlight the strengths and limitations of each discipline in providing support to the family.

[40 marks]

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question 2

Explain how and why sociology emerged when it did. Evaluate the factors that led to the emergence of sociology as a distinct discipline, and state why it developed during the 19th century.

[30 marks]

Question 3

Discuss the contributions of Emile Durkheim and Karl Marx to sociology.

[30 marks]

Question 4

Define the sociological imagination and explain its key elements.

[30 marks]

Question 5.

Define culture and discuss its major characteristics using examples that are relevant to Africa University.

[30marks]

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