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NHSA 415: Society, Disorder & Disasters

END OF SECOND 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

An informal settlement located near a riverbank is affected by severe flood affects. This settlement lacks proper drainage, secure housing, and access to insurance. Government officials describe the flooding as a natural disaster, but activists argue it reflects planning failures and inequality.

Critically analyse this scenario using sociological concepts and assess whether this disaster is natural or socially produced.

[40 marks]

SECTION B

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

Question 2

a) Describe the concepts of disasters and social disorder from a sociological perspective. **[15 marks]**

b) Using examples, distinguish between natural hazards and social disasters. **[15 marks]**

Question 3

Apply Marx's conflict theory in understanding how disasters expose structural inequalities and power imbalances.

[30 marks]

Question 4

Critically discuss the role of community, culture, and indigenous knowledge in shaping disaster response and resilience.

[30 marks]

Question 5

Examine the relationship between disasters, conflict, and forced migration, examining how humanitarian crises reshape social order.

[30 marks]

END OF PAPER

