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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK
BA EXAMINATION
SOC 1301-11: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
SW 1303 -11: SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL WORKERS

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

Time: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Paper has 3 Sections
2. Answer **ALL** questions in Section A on the Question Paper. Each question carries 2 marks.
3. Answer any **five (5)** questions in Section B
4. Answer **One** (1) question in Section C
5. **No question paper should leave the examination room.**

SECTION A

- Answer **ALL** Questions. Each question carries 2 marks.
 - Circle the correct Answer.
1. Who is considered the founder of sociology?
 - (a) Max Weber
 - (b) Emile Durkheim
 - (c) Auguste Comte
 - (d) Karl Marx
 2. Which sociological perspective takes a small-scale approach to sociology?
 - (a) Functionalist perspective
 - (b) Conflict perspective
 - (c) Integrationist perspective
 - (d) Feminist perspective
 3. _____ is the process by which individuals and groups are ranked in hierarchy based on the access to resource and opportunities?
 - (a) Socialization
 - (b) Stratification
 - (c) Social change
 - (d) Social mobility

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4. Which of the following is an example of social institution?
 - (a) Family
 - (b) Personality
 - (c) Intelligence
 - (d) Deviance

5. _____ is a group of people who share a common culture.
 - (a) Organization
 - (b) Community
 - (c) Society
 - (d) Association

6. Which of the following is **NOT** part of intellectual forces that contributed to the development of sociology?
 - (a) Urbanization
 - (b) Political revolution
 - (c) Industrial revolution
 - (d) Social stratification

7. Social change is responsible for _____.
 - (a) Social progress
 - (b) Social evolution
 - (c) Social disorganisation
 - (d) All the above

8. Jean Piaget's theory is best described as _____.
 - (a) Adult understanding
 - (b) Cognitive development in children
 - (c) Preoperational stage
 - (d) Germ theory

9. Deviance can be defined in relation to _____.
 - (a) A particular standard
 - (b) From time to time
 - (c) From Place to place
 - (d) All of the above

10. While the law is silent about drunkenness in some countries, in other countries such as Botswana and many developed countries, being visibly drunk (public intoxication) is a criminal offense. This illustrates ----
 - a) that deviance allows a zone of permissible variation
 - b) the relativity of deviance
 - c) deviance is defined by governments and law offices

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- d) Both A and B
- 11 Which of the following is not a component of social structure?
- a) Social groups
 - b) Roles
 - c) Crime
 - d) Social institutions
- 12 Steven`s closest friends surprised him with a large birthday party. This group of friends is an example of a:
- a) Primary group
 - b) Formal group
 - c) Reference group
 - d) Secondary group
- 13 According to Durkheim, which of the following is a form of social cohesion that is based on division of labour is known as:
- a) Social bond
 - b) Mechanical solidarity
 - c) Organic solidarity
 - d) Social unity
- 14 "Social structure constrains our activities to constructed frameworks and patterns of organisation and directs our behavior" Name the thinker.
- a) Weber
 - b) Durkheim
 - c) Marx
 - d) Comte
- 15 Any group to which a person does not belong to or identify with is called _____
- a) Formal group
 - b) Informal group
 - c) In-group
 - d) Out-group
- 16 The choices an individual makes/has in life in terms of schools they attend, clothes they wear, and food they consume are determined by _____
- a) Status
 - b) Role

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- c) Prestige
 - d) All the above
- 17 Messages reading 'Keep NUL Clean' around the NUL campus are good example of:
- a) Appropriate behaviour among NUL students
 - b) Informal culture
 - c) Formal culture
 - d) Mores, that is, everyday customs that may be violated without serious consequences
- 18 Culture relativism can best be described as:
- a) The belief that people should not judge other cultures as superior or inferior to another culture
 - b) The process where individuals or groups come to accept other cultural practices.
 - c) The process of getting people to understand that cultural practices are different.
 - d) Cultural practices and perspectives spread from one culture to other areas.
- 19 Upon hearing news about the birth of Thabo's first-born daughter, women in the village gathered around with buckets of water to pour over Thabo to congratulate him. What is the sociological perspective of the women's actions?
- a) Rituals and ceremonies
 - b) Values
 - c) Customs
 - d) Both A and C
 - e) Both B and C
- 20 Which among the following is true about socialization?
- a) It socializes the individuals
 - b) It makes society above individual
 - c) It brings individuals into the social
 - d) All of the above
- 21 Which of the following is correct in the context of socialization?
- a) A school is a primary socialization agent and parents are secondary agents
 - b) School is a secondary agent of Socialization and family is a primary socialization agent

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- c) Peers are primary social agents and family is secondary socialization agent
 - d) Family and mass media are both secondary socialization agents
- 22 Which among the following is not a secondary group?
- a) Political party
 - b) Students in a class
 - c) Labour union
 - d) A city
- 23 _____ perceives socialization in terms of social control
- a) Conflict perspectives
 - b) Functionalism
 - c) Interactionists
 - d) Both A & B
- 24 Social mobility can be in numerous forms. Which of the following statements shows horizontal mobility?
- a) An employee working as a cashier at U-Save located at Popanyane village in Roma taking up a new job as a cashier at Shoprite in the city centre, Maseru.
 - b) A migrant labourer working as a machine operator being promoted to a messenger
 - c) An older woman getting married to a wealthy and powerful man of her dreams
 - d) All the above
- 25 The system of social inequality which involves ownership of persons by the others is called:
- a. Caste
 - b. Slavery
 - c. Class
 - d. None of the above

SECTION B

Write short notes on **five** (5) of the following sociological concepts:

- (a) Sociology [5]
- (b) Cultural diversity [5] (c) Looking glass self [5]
- (d) Deviance [5]
- (e) Enlightenment [5]
- (f) Role Conflict [5]

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SECTION C

□ Answer only ONE question in this section.

1. Give a brief discussion of the functional analysis of culture in the society.
[25 marks]
2. Discuss any **two** manifest and latent functions of Education. [25 marks]
3. Using relevant examples, discuss **four** basic assumptions about sex and sexuality. [25 marks]

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK BA EXAMINATIONS SOC2301-
11: INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY**

January 2024

Marks: 75

Time: 3 hours

INSTRUCTIONS

- Section **A** is compulsory.
- Answer any **two** (2) questions in Section **B**.
- All questions carry 25 marks each.

SECTION A

□ Answer **ALL** questions

1. Write short notes on the following terms:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| a) Individual | [5] |
| b) Social constraint | [5] |
| c) Secondary socialization | [5] |
| d) Symbolic interactionism | [5] |
| e) Collective Identity | [5] |

SECTION B

□ Answer any **two** (2) questions

2. Deliberate on the sociological approaches to the self.
3. Discuss any **three** (3) sociological theories of individual and society.
4. With relevant examples, differentiate between socialization and internalization.
5. Explain ways in which modern culture has influenced individual identity.

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK BA EXAMINATIONS SOC 2302-11:
INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS:
DATA COLLECTION**

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 75

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any **three** questions.
 - All questions carry **25** marks each.
1. Write short notes on any **five** of the following research concepts:
 - a) Pilot study [5]
 - b) Abstract [5]
 - c) Conceptualisation [5]
 - d) Hypothesis [5]
 - e) Operationalisation [5]
 - f) Justification of the study [5]
 - g) Variables [5]
 2. Identify and discuss the **six** steps of research process.
 3. Examine any **four** ethical considerations that researchers ought to abide by when conducting quantitative research.
 4. Choose a quantitative research topic and explain in detail how you can conduct an experiment to test **one** hypothesis.
 5. Using examples, discuss **four** levels measurement in quantitative research.
 6. Deliberate on any **five** key issues to consider when designing a questionnaire.

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO DEPARTMENT OF
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SOCIAL INEQUALITY**

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Section A is Compulsory.
- Answer any other **three** questions in Section B.

SECTION A

Answer all questions

1a) Define the following concepts:

- | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-----|
| (i) | Social inequality | (2) |
| (ii) | Social stratification | (2) |
| (iii) | Ascribed status | (2) |
| (iv) | Achieved status | (2) |
| (v) | Feminization of poverty | (2) |

b) Discuss Marian Young's (1990) **five** social processes that are at work in the stratification of societies into hierarchical orders. (15) c) Examine the traditional caste system of India, and how it is today (15) **SECTION B**

- Answer any **three** questions.
- All questions carry 20 marks.

2 Consider Karl Marx's work on stratification centred around the concept of class. Discuss.

- 3 Using Kingsley Davis and Wilbert Moore (1945), critically discuss the functionalist theory of stratification.
- 4 The conflict perspective assumes that education reinforces the existing inequalities. Show how this is the case.
- 5 Discuss the various reasons behind gender inequalities in health.

**THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO FACULTY OF SOCIAL
SCIENCES BA EXAMINATIONS SOC 3302-11: ORIGINS OF
SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT**

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION:

- Answer three questions
- Questions 1 & 2 are compulsory
- Answer any other question in Section B

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (Compulsory)

40 Marks

Answer Q1(a) **OR** Q1(b)

a) The development of sociological theory did not happen in a vacuum. If you agree with this assertion, discuss the social forces that contributed to its development.

OR

b) Examine the role of Enlightenment intellectual force and conservative reactions in the development of sociological theory.

QUESTION TWO (Compulsory)

30 Marks

- a) What is a Theory? Briefly explain how a social theory differs from any other theory?
- b) Distinguish between classical social theory and contemporary social theory.

SECTION B

□ Answer only **ONE** question in this section

QUESTION THREE

30 Marks

Select **any two of the following classical scholars** and elaborate on their contexts and contributions to the development of sociological thought. **The two selected scholars should not be from the same region.**

August Comte;

Emile Durkheim;

Max Weber;

Herbert Spencer;

Harriet Martineau;

QUESTION FOUR

30 Marks

Select **any one** of the following sociological theories (Functionalist Theory, Social Action Theory, Interactionist Theory). Discuss its main assumptions and how the theory applies in understanding how any society system works.

QUESTION FIVE

30 Marks

- a) Briefly elaborate on the main postulations of classical Marxist theory in understanding conflict in human society

- b) Neo-Marxist and Feminist theories are related to classical Marxist in some ways, but also differ substantially in understanding human society. Provide some explanations to this assertion.

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY &
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GENDER**

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 75

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any **three** questions.
- All questions carry 25 marks each.

1. Define the following concepts:

- (i) Gender
- (ii) Sexism
- (iii) Gender Role
- (iv) Gender Stereotypes
- (v) Patriarchy

2 Discuss Sylvia Walby's (1990) five patriarchal structures

3 Give a brief discussion of the conflict analysis of gender roles in contemporary society.

4 Critically discuss the radical feminist perspective

5 Examine the impact of development on women in developing countries.

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EXAMINATIONS SOC 3304-11: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND
ILLNESS

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 75

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any three questions.
 - All questions carry 25 marks each.
1. Using the example of gender-based violence among Southern African women,
 - a) Examine **three** stressors they experience. [15]
 - b) Suggest **two** coping mechanisms employed to overcome the stress. [10]
 2. Deliberate on any **four** factors that influence the individual's response to illness symptoms.
 3. The Lesotho DHS 2014 estimated that 10 % of women and 0 % men aged 15-49 had a clinical breast cancer examination in the past 12 months. Using any theoretical framework, discuss the likelihood that these numbers (10% and 0%) will change in the next survey.
 4.
 - a) Discuss **two** safety concerns about the use of Traditional/Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TM/CAM). [10 marks]
 - b) Using relevant examples, describe **three** types of Traditional/Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TM/CAM) used in any African country. [15 marks]
 5. Discuss the illness experience of patients and survivors living with cervical cancer.

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EXAMINATIONS SOC 4302–11: CONTEMPORARY THEORIES IN
SOCIOLOGY

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 75

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any **three** questions.
 - All questions carry **25** marks each.
1. Briefly describe the contributions of any **five** of the following to Early American Sociological Theory.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| a) William Graham Sumner | [5] |
| b) Lester Ward | [5] |
| c) William Isaac Thomas | [5] |
| d) Robert Park | [5] |
| e) Charles Horton Cooley | [5] |
| f) Thorstein Veblen | [5] |
 2. Discuss any **three** of critical school's critiques of social and intellectual life.
 3. Using any organisation or institution in Lesotho, discuss Davis and Moore's (1945) Functional Theory of Stratification.
 4. Discuss Niklas Luhman's concept of Autopoietic Systems.
 5. Examine Don Zimmerman's (1988) **five** basic principles of conversation analysis.

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BA EXAMINATIONS SOC 4303-
11: SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL COMMUNITIES**

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

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- Answer **ONE** question in Section A
- Answer **TWO** questions in Section B

SECTION A

□ Answer Q1(a) OR Q1(b) OR Q1(c) □

Each question is worth 40 marks

Question 1

a) Provide a detailed discussion of Lesotho's land question and the main approaches to rural development.

OR

b) Discuss the three rights to land in South Africa. Explain why South Africa's land reform project has failed to improve the livelihoods of rural communities.

OR

c) Critically discuss how the Cold War dynamics impacted the various phases of the Zimbabwean land reform project since independence in 1980.

SECTION B

- Answer **two** questions from this section
- Each question is worth 30 marks

Question 2

Critically discuss Tonnies's main arguments in theorising how the Industrial Revolution and urbanisation impacted social relations.

Question 3

Deliberate on the emergence of the modernisation theory and the main arguments by modernisation theorists.

Question 4

Examine the impacts of Structural Adjustment Plans (SAPs) in African countries.

Question 5

Critically discuss the arguments by Thayer Scudder and Michael Cernea in the way they have theorised the impacts of resettlements on rural communities.

Question 6

Using relevant examples, discuss Rob Nixon's concept of 'slow violence' and demonstrate the importance of his theory in understanding the lived experiences of rural communities.

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SOCIAL SCIENCES BA EXAMINATIONS SOC 4304-11: SOCIAL
POLICY

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 75

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any three questions.
 - All questions carry 25 marks each.
1. Examine the **four** areas of social policy by showing how different countries have attempted to solve problems of their citizens in these areas.
 2. Critically analyse the relationship between social policy and solidarity.
 3. Using appropriate examples, describe the **first two stages** in the policy life cycle.
 4. Critically analyse the Neo-liberal ideology, showing its impact on equality.
 5. Critically discuss the arguments for and against the welfare state.

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BA EXAMINATIONS

SOC 3301-11: INTRODUCTION TO QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer **four** questions.
- All questions carry 25 marks each.

Question 1

Using examples, discuss **five (5)** main ethical principles to be followed when conducting research [25].

Question 2

- a) What are the variables and constructs in quantitative research? [4].
- b) Using examples, discuss what operationalisation is in quantitative research [3].
- c) Explain the different approaches to instrument validity and reliability in quantitative research [8].
- d) Discuss the two main types of data analysis in quantitative research methods [10].

Question 3

Imagine you are an independent consultant based in Maseru, in Lesotho. The World Health Organisation (WHO) with the Government of Lesotho have approached you to research the prevalence of Tuberculosis (TB) among young people between the ages of 18 to 35 in Lesotho. As an independent consultant, you are expected to assemble a team of young researchers and conduct a quantitative study on this matter.

- a) Construct (5) questions for your questionnaire for your survey [10].
- b) Explain how you would code and process data [7].
- c) Describe the steps you will take to produce a Histogram using SPSS software [4].
- d) Describe the steps you will take to a Scattergram/Scatterplot using the SPSS software [4].

Question 4

- a) Explain how a codebook in quantitative research is created [5].
- b) Discuss the four common methods used in inferential statistics [8].

Table 1 below shows the data collected by a doctor from his patients

| Respondents | Gender | Weight |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Male | 70 |
| 2 | Male | 70 |
| 3 | Female | 86 |
| 4 | Male | 97 |
| 5 | Female | 81 |
| 6 | Female | 66 |
| 7 | Male | 88 |
| 8 | Male | 70 |
| 9 | Female | 71 |
| 10 | Male | 88 |
| 11 | Female | 89 |

c) Based on the table above, calculate the following:

i) Mean [2]. ii) Median [2]. iii) Mode [2]

d) Define the following:

i) Univariate analysis [2]. ii) Bivariate analysis [2].

iii) Multivariate analysis [2].

Question 5

Table 2 below is a sample of data from research on wealth distribution among males and females in Maseru, Lesotho. Demonstrate how you would analyse this data using SPSS software.

| Respondents | Gender | Monthly income | Height | Do you have Savings | Age | Attended School | Marital Status |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Male | M1000 | 60 | Yes | 28 | Yes | Single |
| 2 | Male | M3000 | 68 | No | 41 | No | Married |
| 3 | Female | M4000 | 64 | Yes | 32 | Yes | Single |
| 4 | Male | M500 | 51 | No | 60 | No | Married |
| 5 | Female | M12000 | 55 | Yes | 49 | Yes | Single |
| 6 | Male | R6000 | 60 | No | 47 | No | Single |
| 7 | Female | R28000 | 70 | Yes | 42 | Yes | Single |
| 8 | Male | M6000 | 62 | Yes | 48 | No | Married |
| 9 | Female | M7000 | 67 | Yes | 49 | Yes | Married |
| 10 | Female | M24000 | 69 | Yes | 50 | No | Married |

a) Explain any 5 functions of the SPSS software and how they help you enter data [10].

b) Using the information in Table 2 above, explain the quantitative data analysis steps you will take to perform the following on SPSS using any variables of your choice:

- (i) Measures of Central Tendency [5].
- (ii) Frequency distribution [5].
- (iii) Measures of Variability/Variance [5].

Question 6

A teacher has observed poor academic performance of students who participate in extramural activities such as sports, debate, and other activities. To ascertain the correlation between poor academic performance and partaking in extramural activities, he conducted a survey comparing students who do not partake in extramural activities and those who do.

a) Formulate a null and alternative hypothesis using the scenario given above [4].

b) Demonstrate how you will test the hypothesis using the following hypothesis testing methods on the SPSS software:

- (i) Chi-square [5].
- (ii) Phi and Cramer's V [5].
- (iii) T-test [one sample T-Test] [5]
- (iv) ANOVA [6].