



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**ASC 324: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY**

**DATE: 10/11/2020**

**TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss 5 factors that led to the emergence of sociology as a discipline. (20 marks)
- b) Briefly contrast and compare two micro-level theories (10 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Compare and contrast two theories of power from one classical and one contemporary social theorist.

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Compare Marx's and Durkheim's image of society and the threats to modern society seen by each one. (10 marks)
- b) What are the major structural factors that each saw as being problematic and coercive of individuals? How did each see the changing relationship of individuals to society over time? (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Highlight the factors that make up a good theory according to sociologists. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the relevance of sociological theories, giving relevant examples. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss Marx's Conflict theory and how it is applicable in everyday life. (10 marks)
- b) Expound on the statement "all elements of a society's structure depend on its economic structure" (10 marks)