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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	4th September 2012
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Neo-Marxism reduces the role of the economy in their theories. Discuss with reference to Gramsci's sociology.
2. Weber's sociology illustrates why capitalism developed in Europe rather than in other continents. Discuss.
3. Overall concepts of history or society no longer make sense. Discuss with reference to Lyotard's theory.
4. Merton's theory addresses many of the criticisms levelled at functionalism. Discuss.
5. Parsons identified two sets of cultural values that determine the broadest patterns of change. Elaborate.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
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DATE:	5th September 2012
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS: TWO from Part I and ONE from Part II.
Questions carry equal marks.

PART I: METHODOLOGY

1. Supporters of participant observation argue that this technique is the best means of obtaining a valid picture of society. Discuss whilst making reference to research studies employing participant observation.
2. Interviews and questionnaires have many overlapping limitations. Elaborate.
3. Case-studies can be used to develop both theoretical and empirical understandings of society. Elaborate.

PART II: SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

**SOCIAL CHANGE & DEVELOPMENT
SOCIAL STRATIFICATION & INEQUALITY**

4. Weber rejected the view that power necessarily derives from economic power. Discuss.
5. The Dependency theory envisages global inequality in terms of the distribution of wealth. Discuss.
6. International capitalism is generating more wealth from which more countries will be able to gain. Discuss.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
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DATE:	6th September 2012
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS: TWO from Part I and ONE from Part II.
Questions carry equal marks.

**PART I: FAMILY
POVERTY & SOCIAL EXCLUSION**

1. Welfare not only increases poverty but also increases other problems such as crime and illegitimacy. Discuss.
2. The study of social exclusion highlights the different kinds of poverty experienced in contemporary societies. Discuss.
3. The family has not lost its functions in modern industrial society. Discuss.

**PART II: EDUCATION
RELIGION**

4. Streaming denies students that knowledge which is essential for educational success. Elaborate.
5. Women often hold a secondary and subordinate role in religions. Discuss.
6. According to some sociologists the question is no longer 'does religion promote social change?' but 'in what way and under what conditions does it promote rather than inhibit change?'. Discuss.