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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	2 nd September 2014
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain the functional prerequisites which, according to Talcott Parsons, societies require in order to survive.
2. Max Weber and Robert K. Merton provided different insights on bureaucracy. Discuss.
3. Emile Durkheim considered the study of social facts as the distinctive subject matter of sociology. Discuss.
4. Any theory of social change operates within a two-class model. Discuss.
5. Without the use of symbols human beings cannot interact. Discuss this statement with reference to George H. Mead.

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TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS: ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION AND ANY OTHER QUESTION.

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PART 1: METHODOLOGY

1. Designing a sociological research study entails more than choosing a research method. Discuss.
2. Validity and reliability are two important issues in social research. Elaborate.
3. There are cases in which sociologists combine qualitative and quantitative approaches to carry out a single research. What are the goals behind this choice?

PART 2: SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

4. Sociologists have developed different theoretical perspectives to address global stratification and inequality. Discuss.
5. In modern capitalist society, the working class adopts the lifestyle and political attitudes of the middle class. Evaluate this statement.

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ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Religion is the opium of the people. Discuss.
2. As a student, a label given to you at school can make or break you. Critically evaluate this statement with reference to the interactionist perspective on education.
3. For Max Weber the Calvinists' belief in predestination was important to the spirit and rise of capitalism. Discuss.
4. Discuss why Talcott Parsons describes families as "factories which produce human personalities"?
5. What does Charles Murray imply with the concept of an underclass?