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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	1 st September 2015
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. For Talcott Parsons, the pattern variables are two sets of cultural values that explain the process of social change from a simple to a more complex type of society. Discuss.
2. Alienation and anomie throw light upon industrial unrest, but it is wrong to consider them as identical sociological concepts. Discuss.
3. The development of the self is a process of interplay between the 'I' and the 'Me'. Discuss this statement with reference to George Herbert Mead.
4. Max Weber was concerned with social action that occurs when individuals attach a subjective meaning to it. Elaborate.
5. According to Emile Durkheim suicide is the product of social forces. Discuss.

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

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PART 1: METHODOLOGY

1. Interviews are a crucial sociological research method. Discuss.
2. For positivists, sociology can be made scientific through measurement, observation and experimentation. Discuss.
3. “Marriage is losing its importance in Maltese society”. Explain how you would go about testing this hypothesis.

PART 2: SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

1. How does the conflict school of thought perceive social change?
2. Various factors contribute to social stratification. Elaborate.

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ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. The family is undergoing various changes. Discuss with reference to two sociological perspectives.
2. Poverty is relative. Critically evaluate this statement from a sociological point of view.
3. Modern society offers the poor opportunities for the improvement of their life chances. Discuss.
4. Cultural factors are responsible for the failure of working class children at school. Discuss.
5. Religion is a source of social conflict. Discuss.