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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	29 th May 2017
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 6.05 p.m.

Answer **ALL** the following **FOUR** questions.

CORE THEMATIC AREA: CULTURE AND IDENTITY

1. Describe the main characteristics of global culture. (25 marks)
2. What, in light of the nature/nurture debate, are the main influences on the formation of identity from a sociological perspective? (25 marks)
3. Various structural factors influence the development of one's identity. Explain the nature and impact of these factors. (25 marks)
4. Some sociologists think that, in contemporary society, lifestyle choices and consumption patterns have become more important than class in defining one's identity. Discuss. (25 marks)

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PAPER NUMBER:	II
DATE:	31 st May 2017
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 11.05 a.m.

Answer **TWO** of the following questions. Each question carries **50** marks.

THEMATIC AREA 1: FAMILY

1. Define 'intimate violence' and discuss its main forms.

THEMATIC AREA 2: RELIGION

2. Secularisation is said to be a prominent feature of contemporary societies. Do you agree, and why?

THEMATIC AREA 3: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

3. Sex, gender, and sexuality are related, but different. What are their defining characteristics, and in what ways are they related?

THEMATIC AREA 4: WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY

4. Poverty is a complex issue which can be defined and measured in various ways. Discuss.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
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DATE:	1 st June 2017
TIME:	9.00 am. to 11.05 a.m.

Answer TWO of the following questions. Each question carries 50 marks.

THEMATIC AREA 5: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

1. What is media imperialism, and how might one resist or find alternatives to the global media?

THEMATIC AREA 6: CRIME AND DEVIANCE

2. Discuss the difference between restorative justice and imprisonment, with reference to the relevant sociological theories.

THEMATIC AREA 7: ENVIRONMENT

3. Environmental problems do not affect all people equally. In what ways can environmental justice be achieved?

THEMATIC AREA 8: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND MIGRATION

4. Racism and xenophobia remain a reality in many contemporary societies. Discuss.