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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	4 th September 2017
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 11.05 p.m.

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

CORE THEMATIC AREA: CULTURE AND IDENTITY

1. Do you agree that there is no distinction between high culture and popular culture in postmodern society? Make use of sociological theories in your answer. (25 marks)
2. In what ways do 'structural' and 'action' approaches differ as understandings of the socialisation process, and might these approaches converge in any way? (25 marks)
3. Discuss the relations between gender and identity in contemporary society, taking care to refer to sociological theory in your answer. (25 marks)
4. In what ways, if at all, have identities become more fluid in postmodern society? Refer to sociological theory in your answer. (25 marks)

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	II
DATE:	5 th September 2017
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 11.05 p.m.

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

THEMATIC AREA 1: FAMILY

1. In what ways do Marxist perspectives consider the family as an agent of social control?

THEMATIC AREA 2: RELIGION

2. What are the main features of religious fundamentalism?

THEMATIC AREA 3: GENDER AND SEXUALITY

3. In what ways, if at all, have feminists and LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning) activists challenged the gender order?

THEMATIC AREA 4: WELFARE AND SOCIAL POLICY

4. It is often said that the poor deserve to be poor. Discuss with reference to the Marxist and New Right perspectives on social welfare provision.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
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DATE:	6 th September 2017
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 11.05 p.m.

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

THEMATIC AREA 5: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

1. What is the impact of the media, from a postmodernist perspective?

THEMATIC AREA 6: CRIME AND DEVIANCE

2. “Deviant behaviour is behaviour that people so label” (Becker, 1963). Discuss with reference to the interactionist perspective of social deviance.

THEMATIC AREA 7: ENVIRONMENT

3. Discuss, using examples, some of the main characteristics of ‘ecological modernisation’.

THEMATIC AREA 8: RACE, ETHNICITY, AND MIGRATION

4. Describe the **THREE** main models of ethnic integration. Which of them do you consider to be the most effective, and why?