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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SOCIOLOGY
<b>DATE:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
<b>TIME:</b>	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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**STUDENTS SHOULD ANSWER 4 (FOUR) QUESTIONS IN ALL.  
Each question carries 25 marks.**

**Section A: Answer ONE Question from this Section**

1. Solidarity in industrial society is not based on uniformity but on difference. Elaborate with reference to Durkheim.
2. Discuss Weber's ideas on social stratification.
3. Merton's sociology is wide and far-reaching, which includes analyses of diverse social phenomena. Elaborate.

**Section B: Answer ONE Question from this Section**

4. A sociological research study is to be carried out on church attendance in the Maltese Islands. Explain how you would go about formulating it and carrying it out.
5. Data analysis is the foundation of any sociological research. Discuss.
6. In contrast to quantitative studies, qualitative research yields rich and expressive data that sheds light on the social world under investigation. Discuss.

**Section C: Answer TWO questions from this Section.**

7. Religion is the product of society. Society is the product of religion. Discuss with reference to Emile Durkheim.
8. Throughout life every family member undergoes role changes. Elaborate.
9. Industrialisation undermines the extended family and larger kinship groups. Discuss with reference to two theorists.
10. Symbolic interactionists have observed that relations between teachers and students play a role on educational attainment. Elaborate.