

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, MSIDA
MATRICULATION EXAMINATION
INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
SEPTEMBER 2013

SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
DATE:	6th September 2013
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**STUDENTS SHOULD ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS IN TOTAL.
Each question carries 25 marks.**

Section A: Answer ONE Question from this Section

1. Durkheim saw fundamental differences between pre-industrial and industrial societies. Discuss.
2. The Protestant ethic contributed to the rise of capitalism. Discuss with reference to Weber.
3. Marx's idea of a communist society has received widespread criticism. Elaborate.

Section B: Answer ONE Question from this Section

4. You are asked to carry out a sociological research study assessing attitudes and perceptions on domestic violence in Maltese society. Elaborate on the main steps of the research process involved in this sociological inquiry.
5. The qualitative researcher has a variety of research tools at his/her disposal. Elaborate.
6. Not all research requires investigators to collect their own data personally. Discuss giving examples to substantiate your argument.

Section C: Answer TWO questions from this Section.

7. The institution of the family is changing in function, size and structure. Discuss.
8. The major role of education in capitalist society is the reproduction of labour power. Elaborate.
9. New religious movements often have the characteristics of a sect. Discuss.
10. Education should be a liberating experience in which individuals explore, create, and use their initiative and judgement. Discuss.