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INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
DATE:	26 th May 2015
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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

Section A: Answer ONE Question from this Section

1. Discuss Emile Durkheim's view that individual action is constrained by 'social facts'.
2. Describe, by referring to the work of George Herbert Mead, the way in which individuals develop a 'self' within a process of social interaction.
3. Outline and discuss Max Weber's theory of bureaucracy as a form of rational action.

Section B: Answer ONE Question from this Section

4. Discuss some of the different forms and styles of the interview as a research method.
5. Why are some interpretive sociologists so critical of the questionnaire as a research method?
6. Describe the key differences between positivist and interpretivist sociological approaches.

Section C: Answer TWO questions from this Section.

7. Some scholars claim that the importance of religion has decreased in contemporary society. Discuss with reference to the concept of secularisation.
8. In what ways, if at all, can family roles put women at a disadvantage?
9. Conflict theorists claim that the educational system tends to serve the interests of the powerful. Discuss.
10. Discuss some of the ways in which sociologists explain the links between gender and educational achievement.