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SUBJECT: SOCIOLOGY
DATE: 5th September 2015
TIME: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER FOUR QUESTIONS IN ALL.
Each question carries 25 marks.

Section A: Answer ONE Question from this Section

1. How, according to Karl Marx, does capitalism lead to alienation?
2. A stable society depends on each part of the system contributing towards 'functional prerequisites'. Discuss with reference to Talcott Parsons.
3. Robert K. Merton set out to refine functionalist theory by expanding on three of its key assumptions. Discuss.

Section B: Answer ONE Question from this Section.

4. What are the advantages of combining qualitative and quantitative approaches in sociology?
5. The quality of a sample depends on more than just sample size. Discuss with reference to different types of sampling.
6. Positivists apply the methods of natural science to the study of society. Discuss.

Section C: Answer TWO Questions from this Section.

7. Max Weber claimed that religion may be related to economic behaviour. Discuss.
8. Describe and comment on some of the different types of new religious movements.
9. Discuss ways in which children from a working-class background may be at a disadvantage at school.
10. What impact did industrialisation have on the functions of the family?