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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SOCIOLOGY
<b>DATE:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
<b>TIME:</b>	4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

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**ANSWER 4 (FOUR) QUESTIONS IN ALL.**

**Each question carries 25 marks.**

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

1. In his key study on suicide, Durkheim argues that there is a relationship between different types of suicide, and processes of social integration and regulation. Discuss this relationship with reference to the four different types of suicide.
2. According to Mead, the self develops in a number of stages. Describe these stages and discuss the way that the self continues to develop within social interaction.
3. Weber believed that ideas can lead to social change. Discuss with reference to his work on the Protestant ethic and the rise of modern western capitalism.

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

4. In what ways are qualitative and quantitative methods different, and why do sociologists often combine the two?
5. What are the main ethical issues that need to be taken into account to respect and safeguard the wellbeing of participants in sociological research?
6. Describe the main stages involved in carrying out quantitative research.

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

7. How might 'labelling' impact on a student's personal development and future educational achievement?
8. What, according to the functionalist perspective, are the functions of the family with respect to the individual and society?
9. Refer to the Marxist perspective to discuss the claim that the nuclear family helps sustain capitalism.
10. Discuss why, according to Marx, religion is the opium of the people.