THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

EXAMINATIONS OF DECEMBER 2010

CODE AND NAME OF COURSE: SOCI 2000: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE AND TIME: DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES: This paper has 1 page and 7 questions.
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.

Section A: Answer all questions

1. a. Theory is vital to making sense of social life. Discuss. (10 points)
   b. Define enlightenment and its impact on sociology. (5 points)
   c. Explain the industrial revolution and its impact on sociology as an academic discipline. (5 points)

Section B: Answer any two (2) questions. Each question is 20 points

2. We discussed different theorists in the Classical Social Theory class. Pick one of these theorists and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of his/her theory. How relevant is your selected theory to a contemporary social issue in the Barbadian society?

3. Discuss Weber’s essay on bureaucracy. Explain the negative and positive attributes of this system. Also explain its role in Weber’s concept of “iron cage.”

4. Discuss how Gilman’s discussion of the corset is connected to Marx’s concept of false consciousness.

5. Discuss how well you feel Du Bois’s ideas have translated into contemporary times. Do you feel he could still write his works today and they would be relevant?

6. Discuss how the self connects with self-consciousness in regards to Mead’s writing and theory.

7. Compare Durkheim’s discussion of the division of labour with that of Marx. Discuss how mechanical and organic solidarity are connected to this concept. Also, explain any errors or assumptions you feel (if any) Durkheim makes in his conception of division of labour.

END OF EXAMINATION