INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES: This paper has 1 page, 2 sections and 7 questions. Answer ALL questions in section A and ONE (1) question in section B.

Section A: Answer ALL questions in this section (40 points).

1. a. Differentiate between “sociological theory” and “everyday theory” (5 points).
   b. Discuss the Enlightenment and its impact on sociology (5 points).

2. a. The questions of order and action are two central questions that social theorists and philosophers have grappled with since well before the establishment of sociology as an institutionalized discipline. Discuss (10 points).

3. An individual’s answers to the questions of order and action have methodological as well as theoretical implications. Theories after all, should be testable through the use of empirical data. Particularly with regard to the question of order, the perspective one adopts will have important bearing on what one counts as evidence and how to collect it (evidence to support one’s perspective). Consider both individualist and collective perspective: How would you study the causes and effects of drug abuse? (20 points).

Section B: Answer ONLY ONE question in this section. Each question is worth 20 points.

4. Compare and contrast Durkheim’s basic theoretical orientation to that of Karl Marx. Specifically discuss Durkheim’s concept of anomie and Marx’s definition for alienation.

5. 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.”

6. Simmel wrote essays on such topics as fashion, conflict, and flirtation. What is the common denominator or central theme in Simmel’s work? What theoretical issue/s does this theme raise? Use concrete examples from Simmel’s work as well as your own original example/s to explain.

7. Compare and contrast Du Bois’s theory of the oppression of black Americans with Gilman’s theory of the oppression of women. What are some of the similarities (if any) and differences (if any) between these two perspectives?

END OF QUESTION PAPER