



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

NOVEMBER EXAMINATION 2015

COURSE: SOCIOLOGY 3B

TIME: 3 HOURS

QUESTION PAPER:

SECTION A: GLOBALISATION

SECTION B: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

MARKS: 100

SUBJECT CODE: SOS3B21/SOCBB3

EXAMINERS:

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

1. ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION A AND TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B
 2. USE TWO SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS: ONE FOR SECTION A (GLOBALISATION) AND ONE FOR SECTION B (SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY).
 3. WRITE THE SECTION LETTER ('A' OR 'B' AT THE TOP OF THE ANSWER BOOK, IN THE COLOURED BLOCK)
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SECTION A: GLOBALISATION

(90 MINUTES)

ANSWER ANY TWO (2) OF THE FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

- A) Giving examples, discuss the globalisation theory of neo-liberalism outlining the key ideas that underpin this theoretical framework. What criticism has been leveled against the neo-liberal theory of globalisation? (15)
- B) With the aid of examples, critically discuss the major ideas on globalisation learnt in class that have been articulated by Zygmunt Bauman. (10)
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AND/OR

QUESTION 2

- A) With reference to the works of Manuel Castells and Jill Steans, to what extent would you say that the process of globalisation in today's world is synonymous with an 'unruly world', that is, fraught with a lot of inequalities? (15)
- B) With reference to Noam Chomsky's documentary, *Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media*, briefly discuss the manner in which the elites control the global media. (10)
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AND/OR

QUESTION 3

To what extent would you say that the process of globalisation has created a 'risk society'? In your discussion, make reference to Jacklyn Cock's articles on corporate environmental abuse. (25)

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SECTION B: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

(90 MINUTES)

ANSWER ANY TWO (2) OF THE FOLLOWING THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 4

Discuss Max Weber's methodological contribution to sociology as well as four of the most important criticism levelled against his work. [25]

AND/OR

QUESTION 5

Give an exposition of the ideas of George Herbert Mead as the most important thinker in the history of Symbolic Interactionism. Conclude your discussion by briefly reflecting on whether you think Symbolic Interactionism has any relevance in social research today. Motivate briefly. [25]

AND/OR

QUESTION 6

Discuss Critical Theory with reference in particular to the following:

- Its major critiques of social and intellectual life
- Its major contributions
- Criticisms of critical theory

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