



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

NOVEMBER EXAMINATION PAPER 2015

COURSE: Sociology 1B

TIME: 2 HOURS

PAPER: SOCIAL INEQUALITY

MARKS: 100

SUBJECT CODE: SOS1B21 & SOC1B22

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS.
 - ANSWER **SECTION A** AND **SECTION B** IN SEPARATE EXAM BOOKS AND MARK EACH CLEARLY AS EITHER SECTION A OR SECTION B.
 - PLACE THE BOOK MARKED SECTION B INTO THE BOOK MARKED SECTION A AND SUBMIT AS ONE AT THE END OF THE SESSION.
 - EACH SECTION CONSISTS OF TWO QUESTIONS.
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SECTION A: POWER, STATE AND THE WORKPLACE

QUESTION 1

Define and briefly describe **ANY FIVE (5)** of the following concepts. Each concept is marked out of 5.

- 1.1 The typical characteristics of a flexible firm.
- 1.2 Weber's elements of bureaucracy.
- 1.3 Ritzer's theory of McDonaldisation.
- 1.4 Mann's distributional and collective forms of power.
- 1.5 Mechanical and organic forms of solidarity.
- 1.6 Marx's concept of alienation and give an example.
- 1.7 Theory of Scientific Management.
- 1.8 The different types of states that can be found in society.

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QUESTION 2

Answer **ANY ONE (1)** of the following essay questions. Your answer will be marked out of 25.

- 2.1 Write a well-structured essay to discuss Max Weber's view of power, addressing the following: How does Max Weber define 'power'? What different types of power and authority does he identify, and how can each type be defined? Give clear South African examples of Weber's types of authority. Explain the concepts Constant Sum and Variable Sum concepts of power and discuss which concept of power Weber subscribes to.

OR

- 2.2 Discuss the classical approaches to work by drawing on the views of the following theorists: Marx, Durkheim, Weber.

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SECTION A: TOTAL = 50 MARKS

SECTION B: Class, Race & Gender

QUESTION 3

Define and briefly describe **ANY FIVE (5)** of the following concepts.
Each concept is marked out of 5.

- 3.1) Stratification
- 3.2) Social Mobility
- 3.3) Class
- 3.4) Minority
- 3.5) Ascribed Status
- 3.6) Social Inequality
- 3.7) Gender
- 3.8) Coloniality

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QUESTION 4

Answer **ANY ONE (1)** of the following essay questions.

Your answer will be marked out of 25.

4.1) What are the differences between functionalist, conflict theorists and feminists views on male dominance and gender equality?

OR

4.2) Critically examine the issues of race and racism in South Africa and consider how racial inequalities continue and discontinue in democratic South Africa.

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TOTAL MARKS FOR PAPER: 100

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