



## UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

**COURSE:** SOCIOLOGY 3A  
**COURSE CODES:** SOS3A11 / SOC3AA3

**TIME:** 3 HOURS  
**MARKS:** 100

### MAY/JUNE ASSESSMENT

**PAPER:**

SECTION A: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS  
SECTION B: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK

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**THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR [4] PAGES**

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**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.**
  - **FOR *SECTION A* YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**
  - **FOR *SECTION B* YOU NEED TO CHOOSE AND ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS.**
  - **WRITE IN FULL SENTENCES AND STRUCTURE YOUR WRITING IN A LOGICAL ORDER.**
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**SECTION A: SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS**  
**[50 MARKS / 90 MINUTES]**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS:**

**QUESTION 1:**

A researcher wants to study how a group of Humanities professors feel about stress levels at work. The plan is to conduct interviews with ten Humanities professors working at UJ. After obtaining a list of all full professors in the humanities faculty, the list shows that there are 60 female and 40 male professors. Six female and four male professors are selected to participate in the study.

- a) Is this qualitative or quantitative research? Why? [2]
  - b) Is the sampling probable or non-probable sampling? Why? [2]
  - c) What is the sampling technique? [1]
  - d) What are some of the challenges of this sampling method described in c? [3]
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**QUESTION 2:**

Critically discuss the advantages and disadvantages of survey questionnaires. [8]

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### **QUESTION 3:**



**By looking at the picture on the previous page, answer all of the following questions:**

- a) By using your sociological imagination, describe the picture above; [2]
- b) Explain why a case study research design will work for this study; [3]
- c) Explain why a qualitative approach will work for this study; [5]
- d) Explain what type of data collection methods you will use and how you will use it; [4]
- e) Explain how you will analyse your data; [2]
- f) What ethical considerations will you take into account when you do this study? [8]

### **QUESTION 4:**

A student is doing research on students' perceptions on tattoos at UJ. The data collection entails conducting face-to-face semi-structured interviews with ten students who have tattoos and ten students who do not have tattoos. Write a cover letter for this study and include all the relevant information so that the participant knows about the purpose, advantages and dangers of participating in your research.

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**SECTION A: TOTAL = 50 MARKS**

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**SECTION B: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK**  
**[50 MARKS / 90 MINUTES]**

**CHOOSE TWO OUT OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER. EACH QUESTION COUNTS 25 MARKS (TOTAL: 50 MARKS)**

**QUESTION 5:**

What are the theoretical and practical implications of the concepts of decolonization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution for the Marxist sociological approach to the study of work and labour?

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**[25]**

**QUESTION 6:**

What is the relationship of the changes in the world of work, technology and other societal dynamics to the evolution of theories, concepts and emphasis in the sociological study of work and labour?

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**[25]**

**QUESTION 7:**

What are the main features and dynamics of the transition from Fordism to post-Fordism? How has this transition affected workers and the labour movement in the Global South?

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**QUESTION 8:**

What is the significance of the concept of intersectionality in the study of gender and gender dynamics in the workplace? What are the implications of this concept in the struggle against gender-based discrimination and other injustices based on race and class?

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**QUESTION 9:**

What are the implications and lessons, if any, of the 1980s debate between the 'workerists' and the 'populists' for the South African labour movement today?

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**SECTION B: TOTAL = 50 MARKS**

**FINAL TOTAL: 100 MARKS**