



UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

COURSE: SOCIOLOGY 3A
COURSE CODES: SOS3A11 / SOC3AA3

TIME: 3 HOURS
MARKS: 100

MAY/JUNE SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT

PAPER:

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

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THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR [4] PAGES

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 is interested in finding out about illegal drug-use in the city. One aspect of this research is to interview speak to individuals who are currently using illegal drugs. Through a personal contact with someone who takes illegal drugs, the researcher realises that it will be necessary to build trust and rapport in order to speak to other people. The personal contact recommends another friend who is willing to talk. This continues, with one person recommending another and so on, until the researcher has spoken to 10 people.

- 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 above, 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 the #FEESMUSTFALL movement. The data collection plan is to conduct face-to-face semi-structured interviews with ten students who have participated and ten students who have not participated in the #FEESMUSTFALL movement. 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 is the Marxist sociological approach to the study of work and labour? To what extent has this approach been challenged by the rise of concepts such as decolonization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution? Give examples.

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QUESTION 6:

To what extent is the evolution of theories, concepts and emphasis in the sociological study of work related to actual changes in the world of work, technology and other societal dynamics? Give examples.

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QUESTION 7:

How has the transition from Fordism to post-Fordism affected working conditions and the labour movements in the Global South? Give examples.

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QUESTION 8:

Is the concept of intersectionality useful for the study of gender and gender dynamics in the workplace? If so, to what extent and what is its role in framing the struggle against gender-based discrimination and other injustices based on race and class? Give examples.

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QUESTION 9:

What is the relevance of the 1980s debate between the 'workerists' and the 'populists' in the challenges faced by South African labour movement today? Give examples.

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SECTION B: TOTAL = 50 MARKS

FINAL TOTAL: 100 MARKS