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**University Examinations 2015/2016**

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ECONOMICS

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**EFN 3151: SOCIOLOGY**

**DATE: AUGUST 2016 TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Answer question* ***one*** *and any other* ***three***questions.

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

1. Define the phrase social stratification and explain the three major dimensions of social stratification (10 marks)
2. Distinguish between the functionalist and exchange theorists (6 marks)
3. State and explain the five social processes that occur in a society (10 marks)
4. Explain ‘status’ as a social structure in our society today. (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

1. Explain five factors that make sociology a social science (10 marks)
2. Discuss the major contributions of the following pioneers of sociology
3. Karlmarx (6 marks)
4. Emile Durkeim (4 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

1. Discuss the role of the school as a socializing agent. (10 marks)
2. Explain the theory of “looking-glass self” of socialization by Cooley (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

1. Explain five characteristics of Urban Social life according to sociologists (10 marks)
2. Discuss the attributes that distinguish professions from other occupations (10 marks)

**QUESTIONFIVE (20 MARKS)**

1. Discuss the three types of authority in which power is legitimized (10 marks)
2. Explain the functionalist’ view of the state (10 marks)