



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

ASO 201: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date: 7th December, 2016

Time: 12.00 - 3.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY THREE questions.



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1. Discuss the importance of social forces in the development of sociological theory. (23.3 marks)
2. Examine Durkheim's analysis of the social fact suicide. (23.3 marks)
3. Use the ideas developed by Karl Marx to discuss the nature of modern capitalist society:
 - i. Structure of society (6 marks)
 - ii. Social class (6 marks)
 - iii. Ideology (6 marks)
 - iv. Alienation (5.3 marks)
4. Describe Weber's contribution to the development of sociology as an academic discipline. (23.3 marks)
5. Show how Simmel's work on 'secrecy' and 'the philosophy of money' contribute to understanding human behaviour in modern societies. (23.3 marks)
6. Examine the arguments in Spencer's theory of social evolution and provide a critique of that theory. (23.3 marks)