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2ND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS AND
SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 424: CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

STREAM: BA

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [8.30-10.30 A.M]

DATE: 17/04/2024

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES

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Instructions: Answer all questions in SECTION A and any TWO in SECTION B

QUESTION ONE

- a) What is the difference between classical and contemporary sociological theories? (5 Marks)
- b) What do you understand by sociological dilemma? (5 Marks)
- c) Critically elaborate on the neo-Marxism as proposed by Ralph Darhendorff to our understanding of contemporary society (20 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) What is objectivity in sociological theories? (5 Marks)
- b) Explain the situation where President Ruto decided to support the Opposition leader for the chairmanship of the African Union using consensus versus conflict sociological concepts by Emile Durkheim (15 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) What do you understand by a Social Fact as a sociological concept? (5 Marks)
- b) Explain the contribution of symbolic interactionism in understanding of the doctor-patient relationships in hospitals today (15 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) What is dialectical perspective of sociological theories? (5 Marks)
- b) Using relevant examples, explain micro, mezzo and macro sociological theories (15 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) How is feminism relevant in the contemporary world? (5 Marks)
- b) Using Peter Blau's perspective of exchange theory, explain the persistence of FGM as a cultural practice in Kenya (15marks)

