

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER I – 2017/2018

SOC 2130 – Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology

Two (02) Hours

Answer **Three (03)** questions only

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1. Discuss Auguste Comte's views of social evolution in Europe based on his theory of "Three Stages of Social Development."
  2. Discuss the strengths and limitations of the Functionalist Perspective.
  3. 'Karl Marx explains historical evolution of the society as a conflict between two contradictory classes.' Critically examine this statement with examples.
  4. Using relevant examples, discuss Emile Durkheim's contribution to Sociology of Religion.
  5. 'Sociology is a scientific study of social action.' Examine this statement paying special attention to Max Weber's views.
  6. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.
    - (i) Alienation
    - (ii) Social facts
    - (iii) Symbolic Interactionism
    - (iv) Conflict Perspective

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