

**UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK**

**RE-SIT EXAMINATION PAPER, JANUARY 2019**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

**COURSE CODE** : SOC313

**TIME ALLOWED** : TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS**
1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
  2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS

**TOTAL MARKS: 100**

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### SOC313: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

1. Discuss the influence of the ideology of counter-Enlightenment on the development of classical sociological theory.
2. With reference to the works of Auguste Comte, discuss the view that the problem of social order was central to the development of classical sociological theory.
3. Drawing on Emile Durkheim's arguments in *The Rules of Sociological Method*, critically discuss the nature and aims of sociology.
4. Marxists argue that private ownership of the means of production creates irresolvable contradictions. Explain the reasons for the persistence of these contradictions and point out why they cannot be resolved within the capitalist system.
5. Define the concept of ideal type and, using examples, discuss the differences between historical and general ideal types.
6. With reference to Georg Simmel's analysis of conflict as a social form, examine how conflict within groups affects the reciprocal relations of the parties involved.