# **UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

# SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER, JULY 2019

TITLE OF PAPER

ADVANCED THEORY AND

**METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY** 

**COURSE CODE** 

SOC413

TIME ALLOWED

THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS** 

1. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4)

QUESTIONS.

2.

**ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL** 

**MARKS** 

**TOTAL MARKS** 

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100

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## SOC413: ADVANCED THEORY AND METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY

#### **SECTION A**

### Answer TWO questions from this section.

- 1. Discuss the fundamental differences between inductive and deductive approaches to theory construction. Illustrate your answer with appropriate examples.
- 2. Compare and contrast the views of Emile Durkheim and Max Weber regarding the subject matter of sociology.
- 3. Examine the major changes that have precipitated a reconsideration of the canon of sociological theory. Cite examples from the literature to support your arguments.
- 4. Outline and discuss the key features of critical theory, and explain how it differs from more traditional sociological theory.

#### **SECTION B**

### Answer TWO questions from this section.

- 5. Discuss the term conceptual framework, and critically discuss the role of conceptual frameworks in sociological research.
- 6. Some researchers argue that quantitative and qualitative research methods are incompatible, while others argue for their complementarity. Discuss your position regarding these two divergent arguments.
- 7. Using examples, discuss the basic types of coding used in grounded theory research.
- 8. Discuss the ethical concerns in social scientific research with regard to treatment of participants and responsibility to society.