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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	27 th April 2013
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks

1. Contradictions and conflict in the economic system are the major dynamic for social change. Discuss.
2. Weber's work on capitalism illustrates his belief that social actions could lead to large-scale social changes. Discuss.
3. The assumption that every part of the social system performs a positive function may be incorrect. Discuss.
4. In Parsons' view, social sanctions are insufficient to motivate people to obey the rules. Elaborate.
5. For Dahrendorf, Marx's theory of social class is no longer applicable to contemporary societies. Discuss.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	II
DATE:	6 th May 2013
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS: ONE QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION AND ANY OTHER QUESTION.

Questions carry equal marks.

PART I: METHODOLOGY

1. The whole basis of sociology is the interpretation of society. Discuss.
2. The values and beliefs of the sociologist play a part in his/her choice of research studies. Discuss.
3. For certain sociologists, the methodological assumptions upon which questionnaires are based are debatable. Discuss.

PART II: SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

4. Social mobility provides an indication as to whether we are living in an equal opportunity society. Discuss.
5. Marx presents a dialectical and materialist perspective on social change. Elaborate.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	III
DATE:	7 th May 2013
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS. Questions carry equal marks.

1. As an economic unit, the family is a valuable stabilising force in capitalist society. Discuss.
2. For Townsend, poverty involves an inability to participate in social activities that are considered normal. Discuss.
3. The welfare state should create a more egalitarian society where the rights of citizens shape society more than free market economics. Discuss.
4. Discuss how interaction in the classroom has a significant effect on educational attainment.
5. Religion does no longer play a central role in contemporary societies. Discuss.