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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	3 rd May 2014
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Robert K. Merton makes structural functionalism a continuing useful theory. Discuss.
2. Conflict and tension characterise the history of human society. Elaborate.
3. Show how symbolic interactionists give importance to the concept of the self.
4. Common morality deteriorates in an industrial society. Discuss.
5. Max Weber's theory of rationalisation was one of his main contributions to sociology. Elaborate.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	II
DATE:	8 th May 2014
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 1: METHODOLOGY

1. Qualitative and quantitative research methodologies complement each other. However, they differ in many ways. Elaborate.
2. In sociological research it is usually impractical to collect data from all the target population. Discuss this statement with reference to the different types of sampling.
3. 'New technologies have become central in the lives of young students'. Explain how you would go about investigating this claim.

PART 2: SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

4. Inequality is the basis of any form of social stratification. Discuss.
5. Social movements are collective efforts to transform established social relations. Discuss.

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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
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DATE:	10 th May 2014
TIME:	4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss how sociologists explain the link between one's social background and educational achievement.
2. Religions still meet universal human needs. Discuss.
3. Formal schooling is detrimental to the students' intellectual potential. Discuss with reference to conflict and liberal sociologists.
4. Compare and contrast the absolute and relative approaches to the study of poverty and deprivation.
5. The institution of the family is the basis of society. Discuss.