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SUBJECT:	SOCIOLOGY
PAPER NUMBER:	I
DATE:	2 nd September 2016
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.05 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Capitalism is the primary site of antagonism between social classes. Discuss.
2. Talcott Parsons' 'grand theory' of sociology is a totalising, over-arching theory. Discuss.
3. Solidarity is the basis of all societies. Elaborate.
4. For Max Weber, bureaucracy could develop as a threat to individual freedom. Discuss.
5. With reference to two sociologists of your choice, outline and examine symbolic interactionism.

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TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.05 p.m.

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

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PART 1: METHODOLOGY

1. Total objectivity is impossible in the study of social behaviour. Discuss.
2. Sampling is an essential tool in sociological research. Elaborate.
3. Elaborate how you would undertake a study on the impact of divorce on Maltese society.

PART 2: SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

4. Social stratification is essential to every society. Discuss with reference to two sociologists of your choice.
5. Modernisation theory views development to be synonymous with economic growth. Discuss.

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DATE:	5 th September 2016
TIME:	9.00 a.m. to 12.05 p.m.

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: Questions carry equal marks.

1. Evaluate the functionalist perspective on education.
2. Religious institutions play a powerful role in society. Discuss with reference to Karl Marx and Emile Durkheim.
3. The school system produces uncritical and passive citizens. Discuss with reference to conflict and critical theories.
4. With reference to feminist perspectives, discuss how the family has remained an arena of male dominance.
5. Various sociologists have attempted to conceptualise different models of the welfare state. Elaborate.