

#### MANICALAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

**FACULTY OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

**PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY**

**CODE: HHRM 124**

### SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

**MAY/JUNE 2019**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**EXAMINER: MR N MUCHONGWE**

## INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

1. *Answer question 1 (compulsory).*
2. *Answer ANY* ***three*** *questions from section B*
3. *Total marks 100*

**SECTION A**

1. a) Explain the following terms as used in social research:
2. Corroboration
3. Triangulation
4. Snowballing technique
5. Generalisability **[4 marks]**

b) Describe the key features of informed consent in social research. **[6 marks]**

c) Explain any **five** merits of using qualitative methodology in social research.

**[15 marks]**

**SECTION B**

1. The idea of community establishment has always been central to the construction of group and individual identity. Discuss. **[25 marks]**
2. a) Discuss the limitations levelled against the following sociological theories in their explanation of society:
3. The Marxist theory **[5 marks]**
4. The Functionalist theory **[5 marks]**

b) Compare and contrast the Functionalist and Marxist theories. **[15 marks]**

1. Official crime statistics reveal the true trends, patterns and extent of crime in Zimbabwe. Motivate arguments in support for and against this assertion.

**[25 marks]**

1. Using Manicaland State University as a case study, evaluate the effectiveness of the Weberian principles. **[25 marks]**
2. Examine some of the key factors which account for the declining pass rates in Zimbabwean State Universities. **[25 marks]**

**END OF EXAMINATION**