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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2003

Branch Sociology

SO 231—SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

Answer any **five** questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not excess 1000 words.

- 1. Review the functional analysis of society propounded by Talcott parsons.
- 2. Explain Merton's functional paradigm.
- 3. Bring out the key theoretical propositions of Dahrendorf's conflict theory.
- 4. Give a brief analysis of Lewis Coser's contributions to conflict sociology.
- 5. Write a critical note on Homan's exchange theory.
- 6. Bring out peter Blau's contribution to exchange theory.
- 7. Discuss Levi-Strauss's analysis of Social structure.
- 8. Outline the major contributions of Nadel to the theory of social structure.