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**COURSE TITLE:** Special Problems in Theory Building

**COURSE CODE:** SOC 401 *TPM 401*

**INSTRUCTION:** Answer three (3) questions

**SESSION:** 2015/2016

**SEMESTER:** Harmattan

**DURATION:** 2 Hours

**QUESTIONS:**

- 1a. Sociology developed as a result of social changes in the 19th century. Discuss, using three notable thinkers. (20 marks)
- 1b. Describe human nature according to the analysis of Thomas Hobbes and J.J. Rousseau. (10 marks)
- 2a. In your own opinion, which sociological theory best describes the current situation of Nigeria. Give your reasons. (15 marks)
- 2b. Using a diagram, explain ideal type theory. (5 marks)
- 3a. How would you define Concept in sociological theory? (5 marks)
- 3b. Mention five(5) characteristics of concept, three (3) functions of concept and demonstrate their role in theory building. (15 marks)
4. Explain, in detail, the following
  - i. Theory (4 marks)
  - ii. Nominal definition (4 marks)
  - iii. Connotative definition (4 marks)
  - iv. Empirical generalization in Sociology (4 marks)
  - v. Post-factum sociological interpretations (4 marks)
5. List and discuss, with relevant examples, five (5) major problems in building a Sociological Theory. (20 marks)