

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

SC1101E – MAKING SENSE OF SOCIETY

(SEMESTER II: AY2013-2014)

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SOCIOLOGY

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Please write your student number only. **Do not write your name.**
2. This examination paper consists of **FIVE QUESTIONS** and comprises **TWO** pages.
3. You must answer a total of **TWO** questions.
4. Each question carries a total of 25%
5. Please start each question on a new page.
6. This is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.

ANSWER ANY **TWO** OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE QUESTIONS (Total 50%)

1. Analyze the following events from the perspective of crime and deviance:
 - i. Dismissal of a young schoolgirl from her school for having gay parents in Mexico City where same-sex marriages are legal.
 - ii. Digging your nose and eating your boogers (dried out mucus in the nose) during the final examination.
 - iii. A scholar, in the name of science **and** Islam, likened lesbianism to “cancers” that must be “stopped in their track”.
 - iv. An undergraduate was caught on video for driving dangerously. The video was posted online and went viral, and netizens flamed him online, posting his home address, girlfriend’s photos and issuing death threats.
2. How does the intersection of different social identities (gender, ethnicity, and class) account for suicide in the period economic crisis?
3. Sociology emerged in the eighteenth century in an era of Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution and political and religious changes. Explain **TWO** theories that emerged within this historical context and their perspectives on family, social stratification and power.
4. How does globalization affect social stability? Drawing from any **TWO** of the lecture topics covered in this semester, discuss the paradox of globalization, illustrating it with an example.
5. Some students bring a rosary or a cross to the exam hall even though the meritocratic principle that they are supposed to live by says that they will do well in the examination if they study hard. What is the role of the spiritual in people’s material lives?

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