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**SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code:** CTH 852  
**Course Title:** Social Theories of Religion  
**Time Allowed:** 3 hrs  
**Instruction:** Answer question one and any other two questions

- 1(a) Discuss Emile Durkheim theory of religion  
(b) What is the significance of Emile Durkheim's theory of religion in contemporary society?  
(30 Marks)
2. Examine Karl Marx position on the function of religion in the society and make a critique of it  
(20 Marks)
3. How is Auguste Comte's theory of religion different from Max Weber's position on the role of religion in contemporary Nigerian society? (20 Marks)
4. Examine the significance of Sigmund Freud theory of religion and make a critique of it  
(20 Marks)
5. What are the functions of religion in Nigerian society? (20 Marks)