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Instructions:

Answer TWO questions

Duration 2hs
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Requirements:

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SP212 Classical Social Thought

Time allowed: **Two Hours.**

Answer **Two** Questions.

1. "*All intellectual fields are profoundly influenced by their social settings*" (Ritzer, 1992: 5). Show how this was the case during the emergence of Classical Social Thought.
2. According to Marx, "*... struggle rather than peaceful growth was the engine of progress*" (Coser, 1977: 43). Discuss this in relation to Marx's theory of capitalist development.
3. What did Marx mean by the "*Doctrine of Increasing Misery*"?
4. How did Durkheim draw a link between the change from mechanical to organic society and the rising prevalence of suicide in French society?
5. "*The world of modernity, Weber stressed ... had been deserted by the Gods. Man had chased them away and has rationalized and made calculable and predictable what in an earlier age had seemed governed by chance*" (Coser, 1997: 233). Discuss this with regard to Weber's theory of rationalisation.
6. What legacy have Marx, Durkheim and Weber left behind in terms of our overall understanding of the way in society develops and functions?