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SECOND YEAR

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SP212 CLASSICAL SOCIAL THOUGHT (WEIGHT 2)

Time allowed: Two Hours.

Answer two questions. There are six questions on this paper

1. Critically analyse any aspect of Marx's and/or Weber's concept of social class which interests you.
2. As social subjects we create society. However, the thing we create does not always turn out in the way we intended and, frequently, it appears to determine our behaviour. Analyse how this is the case with reference to any of the theories on the course.
3. Explain the theoretical significance of Durkheim's Elementary forms of Religious Life.
4. Analyse Durkheim's two concepts of social solidarity (mechanical and organic).
5. What does Weber mean by traditional, charismatic and legal domination?
6. For Marx the ultimate detrimental effect of modern society was alienation, for Durkheim it was anomie and egoism, while for Weber it was a bureaucratic domination and disenchantment with the world. Compare and contrast any two, or all three, of these perspectives on the ills of modern society.