

TAKE HOME EXAMS

Sociology 203/4

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Take-Home Exam Value: 50% of Final Grade Due: March 19, 2010

This exam consists of four essay questions. You may choose to answer any two of the four. Your answers should be based on the sources included in your coursepack, but you may also wish to consult your class notes. Remember that it is necessary to cite your sources, whether you are paraphrasing or quoting directly from the assigned materials. Don't forget to include a few direct quotations to illustrate your ideas.

Each answer should be approximately two to three double-spaced pages. If your computer malfunctions, I always accept legible handwritten work- you know I love obsolete technologies. Please remember to keep a copy of your work.

Please choose any two of the following four options:

1. Emile Durkheim asserts that, "There is something eternal in religion which is destined to survive all the particular symbols in which religious thought has successively enveloped itself." Discuss this statement, with respect to what Durkheim believes is the true function of religion. Why is participation in ritual important?
2. Explain what Karl Marx means by "alienated labour" which is a serious problem in industrial capitalism. Remember that according to Marx, labour should ideally involve both mental and physical capacities.
3. What are the main ideas behind Mead's theory of socialization and the development of the self?
4. Discuss Max Weber's analysis of the characteristics of bureaucracies, and the advantages and disadvantages they offer. Relate this to Kathryn Hausbeck and Barbara G. Brents' research on the "bureaucratization" of sex in "McDonaldization of the Sex Industries? The Business of Sex".

*** Please note that we will be having a workshop on *Friday, February 14*, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in room H1120. It will be an opportunity for us to get together in a smaller space, ask questions, and exchange ideas. I realize that this seminar room can't accommodate everyone, so I plan to have another workshop on *March 4th* before your assignment is due. We will also have time for in-class review, and don't forget that *these questions will also be on the final exam, so working on this assignment will help you to prepare for it.*

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