

## Take-home Examination – Fall Semester 2007

You may consult any notes, books, journals, individuals or sources that you want, but your final written compositions **must be yours alone**.

If you use quotes be sure to cite references. Be sure to use your own words. Do not simply copy passages from your textbook. Also be careful not to argue for or against concepts and issues without first indicating you fully understand them. Pay careful attention to what is being asked and integrate various ideas and information from your reading, class lectures, and any additional sources into a thoughtful answer.

**Your test is due at the beginning of class on the day it is due. After they are graded, students who wish to will be allowed to rewrite their answers and submit them for a higher grade. (Late papers will not likely be given back for rewriting.)**

*Please be neat.* Use complete sentences for every answer. Break your ideas into paragraphs and watch your grammar and spelling. Staple or paper-clip your pages together (or put them in a folder). *I will not accept loose pages or pages torn from a spiral notebook. I will give them back to you and they will be counted as late one day.*

If you can, please type your answers. Double-space and use at least twelve-point type. If you handwrite your answers, be very neat and write legibly.

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Answer one (1) of the following four (4) questions in two to four pages (handwritten) or one to three pages (typed). (Thirty points possible).

1. What is the "credential society" according to Collins? Examine credentialism in light of the fact that women and minorities have differential access to higher education as well as different outcomes with the same levels of education. Does this support the concept of credentialism or suggest that it is limited?
2. How did the *process of industrialization* affect the institution of the family in terms of the way in which the family is structured (nuclear or extended), family roles, and the functions of the family?
3. What is the Protestant Ethic, according to Weber? Explain how Weber suggested that the Protestant Ethic contributed to the rise of Capitalism in Western Europe.
4. Imagine that you are ill. Explain the "sick role" and how it might apply to you. Explain also how the "sick role" is functional according to Parsons and then explain the theoretical limitations of the concept.