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M.ED DEGREE

EFC 640: SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY IN EDUCATION

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

1. Individual's social class position and occupation are the outcome of the education system which is essentially meritocratic. Discuss this statement with reference to both theory and situation in Nigeria.
2. One of the most puzzling observations sociologists make is that deviance is beneficial and even essential to the welfare of society. What are the areas in which deviance can contribute positively to education?
3. Provide an argument for or against the view that social class difference in understanding educational success or failure of a child in school.
4. Of the two major theories of social stratification-structural functionalism and social conflict theory, which do you subscribe to? Are these two theories incompatible or is there some validity to both?
5. Globalization both advertently and inadvertently aids poverty. To what extent is this postulate justification? Support your position with specific examples.