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## **SOC 323: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

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1. Critically evaluate Durkheim's contribution to the development of Political Sociology.
2. Discuss the concept of power, authority and legitimacy and their influence in understanding leadership crisis in Nigeria.
3. How essential are the factors of class, religion, statuses and ethnicity in projecting the basis for political actions, attitudes and behaviours in Nigeria's politics?
4. How significant is Robert Michel's Iron law of Oligarchy in examining the failure of the political elite to chart a viable development course for Nigeria.
5. To what extent does C.Wright Mills Power Elite theory apply in understanding the current state of civilian rule in Nigeria?
6. "Political Sociology focuses on the concerns which involve social inequalities and the uses of power and authority which created, have maintained or can change them." Why has the Nigerian leadership failed to address the issue of growing poverty in Nigeria?
7. "An understanding of power is indispensable for moral and ethical appraisals of political systems." Discuss this statement in line with the conflict between the state and civil society in Nigeria.
8. Marx's concept of alienation is fundamental to the analysis of such political phenomena such as voting behaviour, community conflict and extremists movement. Discuss this statement in the light of the recent Jos sectarian crisis.
9. The core of Weber's contribution to Political Sociology is his analysis of power, legitimation and bureaucracy. How does this help to understand the challenge of governance in Nigeria?

10. Social phenomena are primarily the consequences of social processes and structures in modern societies. How does this statement help to explain the problem of electoral fraud in Nigeria's democratic experience?

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