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SOC 328 : SOCIAL STRATIFICATION & SOCIAL MOBILITY

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1. Justify the basis for social stratification and social mobility in the society.
2. Identify and discuss at least four(4) types of social stratification in the society.
3. Using the functionalist perspective, examine social stratification in contemporary Nigerian Society.
4. Is the conflict theory of stratification as postulated by Karl Marx (1818-1883) applicable to Nigeria?
5. Discuss the meaning and types of social mobility in the literature.
6. Identify and discuss at least **four (4)** factors affecting social mobility in contemporary Nigerian societies.
7. Briefly explain the effects of stratification on **Health care practices and utilization**
8. The effect of stratification on **child bearing and child rearing practices**
9. The effect of stratification on **Justice and social conformity**
10. Contribute to a discourse that stratification affects the **Values of a people**
11. Is there any relationship between social stratification and the **Lifestyle of a people?**
12. Is it true that **Nutrition pattern** in contemporary societies is affected by social stratification?
13. How does **personality** affect social stratification patterns in the society?
14. Give a detail explanation of how education and family background affect social mobility in your society.
15. Is a classless society possible?
16. Briefly differentiate between Caste system and Class model.
17. Briefly differentiate between Vertical and Horizontal mobility.
18. Briefly differentiate Intergenerational from intragenerational mobility.
19. Attempt a critique of the factors affecting social mobility in your country.
20. Is social stratification and mobility necessary?

Answers to Question 1-10

1. Explanation of social stratification and social mobility (social stratification is the hierarchical ranking of individuals or groups in the society while social mobility is the movement of persons or groups from one social position to another up or down the social ladder in the society. Ability of the students to justify the basis for the existence of both social stratification and social mobility in the society.
2. Ability to list and discuss the four (4) types of social stratification in the society namely ; Slavery, Caste, Estate and Class with relevant examples. Explanation of slavery in contemporary times such as child labour, trafficking, alienation and marginalization in the workplace etc. (ii) Caste models e.g Osu Caste system of Eastern Nigeria, Indian Caste 5marks (iii) Estate model – Land ownership , private property development, the King, Lords and Aristocrats' on land acquisition and control etc. (5marks). (iv) Class

models – Karl Marx’s two classes (ruling and subject class) Explanation of the various features of the stratification models/systems.

3. Ability to explain the functionalist theory from Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution, simple to complex society, Major Proponent of functionalist theory – Kingsley Davis and Wilber Moore in (1945), Basic tenets of the functionalist theory of stratification, criticisms of the theory and its applicability to Nigeria.
4. Major proponent and assumption of the conflict theory, application of conflict theory to Nigeria. The existence of the upper and lower class as identified by Karl Marx (1818-1889) and major criticisms. Ability to explain the concept of class from Karl Max viewpoint, argument for or against a classless society with relevant examples
5. Social mobility is the movement of persons or groups from one social position to another up or down the social ladder in the society. Types include vertical and horizontal social mobility. Vertical is upward or downward movement of persons across different social positions in the society while horizontal mobility is the movement of persons across occupations, regions and locations in a given society.
6. Ability to identify and discuss any **four (4) (education, age, ethnicity, religion, family background, geographical location, environment & culture** affecting social mobility in contemporary Nigerian societies.
7. Ability to explain how health care services and utilization is affected by social stratification in contemporary society.
8. Ability to clearly explain how child bearing and rearing practices is affected by social stratification.
9. Ability to explain in detail how justice and social conformity in society is affected by social stratification.
10. Ability of the students to critically discuss how the values of a people affect social stratification.