Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Sociological Theory

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33SOC15

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33SOC15

Module: Sociology

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand the nature of sociological theory and how it has developed	1.1 Discuss the purpose and uses of social theory
	1.2 Discuss the historical development of sociological theories
2. Understand the work of three major 19th century theorists	2.1 Outline the distinguishing characteristics of sociological theories put forward by Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim and Max Weber
	2.2 Compare and contrast their approaches
3. Understand key aspects of major theoretical approaches that developed during the 20th century	3.1 Discuss features of three important approaches such as functionalism, conflict theory, and symbolic interactionism
	3.2 Correctly use concepts from within each perspective

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