

**BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION**

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

**DEPARTMENT: SPORTS SCIENCE**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN SPORTS SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**SSM 125: SPORTS SOCIOLOGY**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**TOTAL MARKS: 100**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Answer **FOUR** questions.

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**Question 1.**

Discuss the following the following theories with relevant examples.

**[25 marks]**

- (i) Structural Functionalism
- (ii) Conflict Theory
- (iii) Feminist Theory
- (iv) Critical race theory
- (v) Symbolic Interactionism

**Question 2.**

- (a) Explain any three (3) intervention programs meant for retired athletes.

**[12 marks]**

- (b) Retirement from sports can be a significant life transition for athletes and coping strategies play a crucial role in helping them navigate the challenges and adjustments that come with it. Describe any three (3) coping strategies that can be employed by retired athletes.

**[9 marks]**

- (c) List four benefits of sports to society.

**[4 marks]**

**Question 3.**

- (a) Define social stratification with a relevant example. [3 marks]
- (b) Briefly discuss the reasons for the following social inequalities in sport:- [15 marks]
  - (i) Access to opportunities
  - (ii) Funding and Resources
  - (iii) Representation and Visibility
  - (iv) Gender Inequalities
  - (v) Racial and Ethnic Inequalities
- (c) Clarify any three (3) ways in which social class intersects with sports. [7 marks]

**Question 4.**

- (a) What are the similarities and differences between sport and religion? [20 marks]
- (b) Explain how athletes and coaches use religion in sporting activities. [5 marks]

**Question 5.**

Identify and describe the causes of Sport violence with related examples. [25 marks]

**Question 6.**

- (a) Define the following terms in relation to sports:
  - (i) Cheating [2 marks]
  - (ii) Doping [2 marks]
- (c) Describe any five (5) implications of doping in sports. [15 marks]
- (c) Outline and discuss three (3) factors that cause cheating in sport. [6 marks]

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