

## Essay topics.

In what sense is social theory an intellectual product of modernity?

In what sense is Karl Marx' thought a continuation of the Enlightenment and in what sense it is its negation?

In which way(s) social theory of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century did approach social change?

Compare Durkheim's and Weber's approaches to religion. Are they similar or different?

What are the key elements of Weber's idea of sociology?

What is the vision of society behind Durkheim's concept of social fact?

## Useful hints.

Do not plagiarize: we'll find out and punish you.

Do not use the Internet resources, in particular the Wikipedia: if you are a newcomer to social theory, you do not know enough to properly make use of such resources; if you are experienced, you do not need to use them.

Do not quote too much. Do not let the other do your job.

Behind any "what" there is always "why."

You need to make a substantial reference to at least four texts. At least half of the texts to which you make reference must be those listed in the course syllabus.

Try to answer question: do not use your essay as a springboard to show how erudite you are or to solve the conflict in the Middle East etc.

Please, avoid "and-now-I'll-give-you-an-example-from-my-country" approach.