**Entrance Examination Paper - Sociology**

**Bangor University, 2018**

**Time allowed: 2 hours**

**Please answer any 2 questions:**

1. Critically evaluate key Feminist ideas relating to gender inequality in the workplace.
2. Prepare a research plan (qualitative or quantitative) that examines the attitudes of young people to Christianity in Wales. Please include all the key steps in the research process and provide justification for your methodological decisions.
3. Provide a critical discussion outlining the key developments within the family as an institution since the “golden age” of the 1950s.
4. Critically evaluate whether the education system is truly based on meritocratic principles?
5. According to the Trusell Trust (2016) there is a disproportionate increase in the numbers of individuals using food banks in Wales. Please respond to the statement by providing a measured discussion regarding the factors that influence the levels of poverty and social exclusion in Wales.
6. Several markers have become increasingly important when defining identity (religion, language, place, gender and sexuality). Critically discuss the worth and relevance of social class in order to better understand identity in our contemporary society.
7. “Sociology…disturbs the comforting quiet way of life by asking questions no one…remembers being asked, let alone answered…” (Bauman 2001:15) Please respond to the quotation by providing a balanced discussion regarding how Sociology could be used to tackle social inequality.
8. Collecting data is an all important element of a society trying to defend itself from crime and terrorism. However, how have these developments impacted upon privacy and individual freedom?