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Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, July 2012
Branch: Sociology
(2008 Admission Onwards)
SO 241 - CURRENT DEBATES IN SOCIAL THEORY

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

## PART-A

Answer all questions in approximately half a page. Explain the following.

 $(10 \times 1.5 = 15 \text{ Marks})$ 

- 1. Neo-Marxism
- 2. Economic determinism
- 3. Structuration
- 4. Agency
- 5. Communicative action
- 6. Habitus
- 7. Ethnomethodology
- 8. Self
- 9. Structural causality
- 10. Discourse

## PART-B

Answer **two** questions from any two different sets in not more than **600** words each. (2×6=12 Marks)

11. Explain structural causality according to Althusser.

OR

Examine public sphere and life world of Habermas.

12. Symbolic interactionism is a socio-psychological perspective-explain.

OR

Examine the central features of symbolic interactionism.



13. Examine the relation between mind, self and society in Mead's theory.

OR

Examine the functions of the self in Mead's view.

14. Examine the importance of ethnomethodology in Garfinkel's theory.

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Define deconstruction.

## PART-C

Answer any two questions in not more than 1200 words each.

(2×24=48 Marks)

- 15. Explain the importance of macro-micro integration in sociological theories.
- 16. Examine exchange according to Peter Blau.
- 17. Examine Gidden's theory of structuration.
- 18. Explain the contribution of Blumer to interactionism?