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**Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, July 2013**  
**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.

**(10×1.5=15 Marks)**

Explain the following :

1. Communicative action
2. Structural Marxism
3. Structural causality
4. Public sphere
5. Habitus
6. Risk society
7. McDonalidization
8. Discourse
9. Post structuralism
10. Deconstruction.

**PART – B**

Answer **any two** questions from any two different sets in **not more than 600 words each**.

**(2×6=12 Marks)**

11. Habermasian understanding of public sphere.

OR

Specificities in the Althusserian structural analysis.

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12. Micro theories' contributions to sociological methodology.

OR

Conceptualisation of reality by symbolic interactionism.

13. Explain the integrated sociological paradigm.

OR

Explain the dimensions of Bourdieu's understanding of habitus.

14. Beck's contributions of risk society.

OR

Poststructural analysis of Foucault.

PART – C

Answer **any two** questions in **not** more than **1200** words **each** : (2×24=48 Marks)

15. Advanced theoretical developments in neo-Marxism.

16. How Schutz's contributions in phenomenology are distinguished from others.

17. Critically analyse how Foucault's contribution on poststructural analysis.

18. Explain Giddens's theory of duality of social structure.

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