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Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, July 2014

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 :

(10×1.5= 15 Marks)

1. Epistemological break
2. Bio-power
3. Structural Marxism
4. Micro sociology
5. Public sphere
6. Habitus ✓
7. Risk society
8. Communicative action
9. Logocentrism
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. Habermas' contributions on understanding public sphere.

OR

Implications of Althusserian structural analysis in critical theory.



12. How sociological methodologies were benefitted by micro theories ?

OR

How construction of reality is conceptualized by phenomenology ?

13. Examine micro-macro integration in sociological theory.

OR

Explain Giddens' duality of agency and structure.

14. Critically examine McDonaldization.

OR

Explain the juggernaut of modernity.

PART – C

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

15. Explain Althusser's structural Marxism.

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

17. Critically examine Foucault's contribution on post-structural analysis.

18. Explain the contributions of Bourdieu on cultural structural analysis.