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Fourth Semester M.A. Sociology Degree Examination, 2010 (New Scheme – 2007 Admission) 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. Structural Marxism.

2. Epistemological break

3. Ethnomethodology

4. Interactionism

5. Micro-Macro integration

6. Structuration

7. Post modernism

8. Risk Theory

9. Deconstruction

10. Utilitarianism.

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PART – B

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

11. Elucidate Louis Althusser's structuralist reading of Marxism.

OR

Trace the origin of critical theory in sociology.

12. Explain the views of Garfinkel's towards ethnomethodology.

OR

Explain the phenomenology of Luckman.

13. Explain Gidden's 'Structuration Theory'.

OR

Examine the micro foundations of macro sociology.

14. Elaborate the Fincault's contributions towards power and knowledge.

OR

Give an account on Derrida's ideal of deconstruction.

PART - C

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

(2×24=48 Marks)

15. Discuss in detail about Habermass as a critical social theorist.

16. Analyse the theoretical contributions of G.H. Mead to symbolic interactionism.

17. Critically evaluate the theoretical contributions of Anthony Giddens.

18. Discuss the salient features of post-structuralism and post modernism.