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FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION May / June 2005

Branch: SOCIOLOGY

SO 241 – CURRENT DEBATES IN SOCIAL THEORY

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Answer any five questions from the following in not more than 1000 words.

Each question carries fifteen marks.

1. Critically evaluate the contributions of Berger and Luckmann to Sociology of knowledge.
2. "Ethnomethodology is involved in studies of activities, not theories about activities" comment .
3. Explain how Habermas' analysed the role of ideas and culture in social stability and change. Give examples.
4. Critically examine Anthony Giddens theory of Structuration.
5. Explain how the notion of "episteme" was treated by Foucault in his work "The Archaeology of knowledge".
6. Evaluate Derrida's theory of deconstruction . Also bring out the major characteristics of deconstruction.
7. "Habitus is the key to reproduction" Boudieu. Discuss.
8. "Changes in the economic substructure have repurcusions for education" – Bourdieu. Elaborate.