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DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 15th December 2012

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions.
Each question carries 25 marks.

1. Some political leaders assume that the space for vibrant dialogue and debate is made possible by them and should be effected under their supervision. Explain Habermas's work in the context of Public Sphere.
2. What is the significance of the concept of deconstruction to understanding development? Explain the influence of Derrida and Foucault for critical theories of development.
3. What are the social obligations connected with communication for peace? Contextually discuss with reference to the work of Johann Galtung.
4. "Surveillance and control are characteristics that are rampant even in modern organizations". Critically discuss Foucault's explanation of power with reference to the Panopticon Model.
5. Modernization as a process is often undermined as a result of aspirations to defend feudal tendencies and social class incompatibilities. Discuss with reference to the work of Inkeles.
6. Discuss the salient features of Naila Kabeer's Social Relations Framework.
7. What are the salient aspects worthy of consideration in the context of Naila Kabeer's explanation of women?
8. The position of Amartya Sen that countries become fit for development through democracy is anathema to autocratic regimes masquerading as democracies. Discuss.
9. Laderach's contribution cannot be ignored in the context of post war trust building efforts. Discuss.