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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2014

SO 2807 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

Date : 01/04/2014
Time : 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Answer **ALL** questions in about **30 words** each:

(10×2=20 marks)

- 01) Define collective behaviour.
- 02) What are micro and macro structures according to Blau.
- 03) State the three types of knowledge mentioned by Habermas.
- 04) What is meant by RSA?
- 05) Define the concept positivism according to Giddens.
- 06) Differentiate agents from agency.
- 07) What is risk society?
- 08) Define modernity.
- 09) What does Bourdieu mean by social space?
- 10) What is discourse according to Foucault?

PART – B

Answer any **FIVE** questions of the following in about **300 words** each:

(5×8 =40 marks)

- 11) Write a note on Homan's exchange principles.
- 12) Delineate Coleman's Rational Choice theory.
- 13) Explicate the theory of communicative action.
- 14) Briefly explain routinisation and regionalization of interaction of Giddens.
- 15) Write down the criticisms for post-modern theory.
- 16) Illustrate 'habitus and practice'.
- 17) Examine the notion of 'archeology of knowledge'.

PART – C

Answer any **TWO** of the following in about **1200 words** each:

(2×20 =40 marks)

- 18) Discuss the exchange theory of Richard Emerson.
- 19) Critically analyse legitimization crisis in society.
- 20) Analyse Mcdonaldisation and the new meaning of consumption.
- 21) Describe the concept of 'discipline and punish' and 'birth of clinic' of Michael Foucault.
