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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010**

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 19 September, 2010

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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

1. What is gender planning? Explain in relation to the theoretical contribution made by Caroline Moser on this subject.
2. Do you think that a Deconstructive Approach for development is necessary? Give reasons for your negative or positive stance in the light of Derrida's Deconstruction Theory.
3. The idea of the Panopticon that inspired the work of Foucault relates to power in organizations. Explain critically.
4. What do you consider as Naila Kabeer's most important contribution to the discourse on women? Discuss
5. Habermas developed a theoretical system that facilitates the scope for vibrant dialogue and debate needed for the national development process. Discuss with reference to the concept of Public Sphere.
6. Discuss the significance of the scholarly contribution of Johann Galtung with regard to social obligations of peace communicators.
7. "A country does not have to be deemed fit for democracy; rather, it has to become fit through democracy". Discuss with reference to the contribution of Amartya Sen.
8. "Modern men and women would make modern Institutions work well". Critically explain with reference to the work of Alex Inkeles.
9. The work of Laderach on reconciliation is of timely significance to post-war societies like Sri Lanka. Discuss.