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Date: 17th September 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Foucault's explanation of power in organizations was enriched by the Panopticon Model. Explain its significance to our understanding of modern institutions.
2. The contribution made by Caroline Moser on the subject of gender planning cannot be taken for granted. Discuss.
3. Critically assess Naila Kabeer's explanation on the status of women?
4. What is the significance of a Deconstructive Approach to development? Insightfully discuss the contribution of Derrida in this regard.
5. The space for vibrant dialogue and debate is not the creation of power holders for the people. Discuss with reference to Habermas's description of the public sphere.
6. The argument of Amartya Sen that a country becomes fit through principles of democracy is not to the liking of governments that restrict fundamental freedoms. Discuss.
7. "The thesis of Inkeles that Modern Men would make modern institutions work well is dependent on a number of attributes connected with modernization as a process". Discuss with reference to Sri Lankan contemporary realities.
8. Post-war societies like Sri Lanka would gain much from the contribution of Laderach. Discuss.
9. Communication for peace involves a body of timely social obligations. Discuss with reference to the scholarly work of Johann Galtung.

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