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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 14.12.2014

Time: 1.30 P.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions.

01. The quality of 'authentic self' as found in the work of Gandhi provides an inspiring foundation needed for national leadership. Explain what these qualities are.
02. Is it right to say that Hannah Arendt presented a negative conception of modernity. Explain.
03. Justice as fairness is the foundation of John Rawl's Theory of Justice. Discuss.
04. An individual's ability to exercise authority is the basis on which social class is determined according to Dahrendorf. Discuss.
05. It was the position of Leo Strauss that the masses simply cannot handle the truth and are in need of a class of political elites who support noble lies necessary for society to function. Discuss the significance of this statement.
06. What is significant about Judith Butler's theory of gender performativity?
07. Critically explain the concept of liberty presented by Isaiah Berlin.
08. What is the significance of Schelling's diagrammatic representation of the Prisoners Dilemma?