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 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 14 December 2014

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions. Question no 01 is compulsory.

01. Select any two of the main theorist you have learned and assess the importance of their theoretical contribution towards the understanding of development and public policy.
02. Amartya Sen states that 'freedom' is central to the process of development. Discuss giving examples the relationship between development and democracy.
03. What are the key features of the public sphere that Jurgen Habermas introduced? How is it relevant in today's context of development?
04. Evaluate Escobar's critique of development. Discuss its relevance for the Sri Lankan context using relevant examples.
05. Describe Caroline Moser's notion of Gender Planning analyze how it is relevant for understanding poverty?
06. Critically assess why Naila Kabeer emphasises Gender as a category?
07. Examine how Arjun Appadurai deconstructs 'third world' and 'development'?
08. The attributes of 'Modern Man' as explained by Inkeles can be considered both relevant and pragmatic for Third World societies to be radically transformed as free and open societies. Discuss with reference to attributes explained by this scholar.
09. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Explain what are the five dimensions of global culture as explained by Appadurai
 - b. What is the meaning of Geertz use of symbolism
 - c. The significance of globalization on development
 - d. The relevance of culture in development

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