

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO-SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS- SEMESTER II- 2017/2018

PSC-3251-Main Currents in Political & Social theory II

Time – Two (02) Hours

Answer **three (03)** questions only

Each answer will carry maximum **twenty (20)** marks

- 1 Explain the main emphasis of Antonio Gramsci's concept of hegemony.
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 - (a) Define 'critical theory', referring to the theorists of Frankfurt school
 - (b) Explain how 'critical theory' differs from the 'traditional theory' and 'scientific theory'.
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 - (a) Examine Habermas' concept of undistorted communication.
 - (b) Explain his position on the public sphere.
- 4 'Third World dependency is a historical and political phenomenon'. Examine this statement with reference to the ideas of André Gunder Frank and Samir Amin.
- 5 Identify major emphasis of Edward Said's concept of Orientalism.
- 6 Describe Louis Althusser's concepts of ideology and ideological state apparatuses.
- 7 Write notes on **two (02)** of the following:
 - (a) Pierre Bourdieu's notions of habitus and field
 - (b) Michel Foucault's analysis of history of sexuality
 - (c) John Rawls' Concept of Justice
 - (d) Jacques Derrida's concept of deconstruction