

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER I – 2018/2019

SOC 4186 – Contemporary Social Theory

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

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1. 'Consumer society functions as the major driving force of the social order.' Critically discuss the above statement with reference to ideas of Jean Baudrillard.
2. Briefly explain what is 'bio - power and critically discuss the discourse that cater to the established of bio-power in the society with reference to concept of power – knowledge presented by Micheal Foucault.
3. Deconstruction 'contributes to reveal the hidden and absent reality' Discuss the above statement in relation to the poststructuralist views of Jaques Derrida. Providing examples from the contemporary Sri Lankan Society in elaborating your answer.
4. The present education system is a cultural capital that creates diverse social inequalities among people.' Do you agree with the above statement. Provide reasons for your answer with reference to the theories of Pierre Bourdieu.
5. Zygmant Bauman critically analyses the present society by the concept of 'Liquid Modernity.' Discuss with examples.
6. Briefly explain what is 'reflexive modernity' and discuss with reference to Ulrich Beck providing examples how present global social life produces a serious risk to the individuals who live in it.

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