

University of Colombo – Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

Fourth Year Examination in Arts – Semester I, 2021/2022

SOC 4186 – Contemporary Social Theory

Time: Two (02) hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

01. 1.1 Briefly define the concept of Simulation introduced by Jean Baudrillard. (05 Marks)
- 1.2 Discuss with examples how far the consumer culture impacts on the economic crisis of contemporary Sri Lankan society. (15 Marks)
02. 2.1 Briefly describe the idea of Governmentality. (05 Marks)
- 2.2 The modern man is always being watched. Explain this statement with reference to Michel Foucault's concept of Panopticon. (15 Marks)
03. According to Pierre Bourdieu the disposition of Cultural Capital in individual personality through school and university education contribute to create a social inequality. Critically examine the above statement. (20 Marks)
04. Jacques Derrida's idea of text is decisive to understand a social phenomenon and individual action. Critically discuss the above statement. (20 Marks)
05. Postmodern approaches of Ulrich Beck and Zygmund Baumann have emphasized the uncertainty in modern society. Discuss with examples. (20 Marks)
06. Write short notes on any of the **Four (04)** following topics (5x4=20)
1. Ferdinand Saussure's Structuralism
 2. Discourse
 3. Habitus
 4. Hyper reality
 5. Individualization
 6. Jürgen Habermas' critical theory
