



PHI 2009 Contemporary Continental Philosophy

13.00 – 15.00

Tuesday 14th June 2011

NO DICTIONARIES ALLOWED

Answer BOTH questions.

(Each question carries 50 marks.)

1. Discuss why the Critical Theorists of the Frankfurt School opposed the prevailing Marxist orthodoxy at the turn of the 20th C. (in terms of its economic/reductionist interpretation of Marxism) and explain at length how they sought to overcome the lacunae which they believed to be endemic to it.
2. Discuss why and in what terms Habermas regards the public sphere critical for the revitalization of a truly democratic participatory society.