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First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2018
First Degree Programme under CBCSS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
Core Course – I
PS 1141 : Methodology and Perspectives of Social Sciences
(2013-2016 Admissions)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** the questions, **each** in **one** or **two** sentences. **Each** carries **one** mark.

- 1) Social science
- 2) Interdisciplinary approach
- 3) Positivism
- 4) Induction
- 5) Hypothesis
- 6) Epistemology
- 7) Independent variable
- 8) Value Neutrality
- 9) Opinion Poll
- 10) Plagiarism.

(1×10=10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight** questions, **each** in **a** paragraph. **Each** carries **two** marks.

- 11) Point out the relevance of sampling.
- 12) Define theory.
- 13) Cite the uses of research design.
- 14) What is meant by data ?
- 15) Explain the features of inter-disciplinary research.
- 16) Differentiate between primary and secondary data.
- 17) Write on empiricism.

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- 18) Explain behaviouralism.
- 19) What is meant by research ?
- 20) Point out the uses of hypothesis.
- 21) Distinguish between research methods and research methodology.
- 22) Explain concepts. **(2×8=16 Marks)**

III. Answer **any six** questions, **each** in **120** words. **Each** carries **four** marks.

- 23) Discuss the importance of objectivity in social science research.
- 24) Write on the Normative Approach to the study of social sciences.
- 25) Highlight the major arguments of Logical Positivism.
- 26) Briefly discuss the various methods of data collection.
- 27) Sketch the evolution and development of social science.
- 28) Discuss the various sources of secondary data.
- 29) State the features of Historical Method.
- 30) Highlight the merits of interview in social science research.
- 31) What is the role of library in social science research ? **(4×6=24 Marks)**

IV. Essay questions. Answer **any two** questions. **Each** carries **fifteen** marks.

- 32) What is Research Design ? Explain the structure of a research design.
 - 33) Define social science. What is the relevance of social science research ?
 - 34) Write on ethics in social science research.
 - 35) Explain sampling. Which are the different types of sampling ? **(15×2=30 Marks)**
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