B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2016

First Semester

Economics (Model I and Model II)

Core Course—METHODOLOGY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ECONOMICS

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours   Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

*Answer **all** the following questions.*
Each question carries 1 mark.

Define the following :

1. Positivism.   2. Inter-disciplinary approach.

3. Theory.   4. Efficiency.

5. Inductive Method.   6. General Equilibrium.

7. Mixed economy.   8. Exogenous variable.

9. Flow variable.   10. Economic model.

$(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B

*Answer any **eight** of the following questions in a **paragraph** each. (Not exceeding 100 words).*
Each question carries 2 marks.

11. What do you mean by normative economics ?

12. Write a note on the emergence of Social Sciences.

13. Write a note on Behaviouralism.

14. What is an endogenous variable ?

15. What are the different types of data sources in Social Sciences ?

16. What do you mean by a Paradigm ?

17. What is the importance of Objectivity ?

18. What do you mean by scarcity ?

19. What is a stock variable ?

20. Write a note on Classical Economics.

Turn over

21. What are the three basic problems addressed by Economics ?

22. What is Welfare Economics ?

(8 × 2 = 16)

Part C (Short Essays)

Answer any **six** of the following questions in **one and a half pages** each. (Not exceeding 150 words). Each question carries 4 marks.

23. What is the relationship of Social Sciences with Humanities ?

24. Explain the concept of Epistemology.

25. What do you mean by Institutionalism ?

26. Distinguish between Method and Methodology.

27. What do you mean by Partial Equilibrium Analysis.

28. What are the features of a Command Economy ?

29. What are the uses of theories ?

30. What do you mean by Economic Systems ?

31. Explain a simple macroeconomic model.

(6 × 4 = 24)

Part D

Answer any **two** of the following questions not exceeding **four pages** each. Each question carries 15 marks.

32. Discuss the steps involved in research.

33. Compare and contrast between Static and Dynamic models used in Economics.

34. Discuss the features of Mixed Economy model.

35. What is the relevance of Social Sciences in understanding and solving contemporary problems ?

(2 × 15 = 30)