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**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018**

**First Semester**

B.A. Economics (Model I and Model II)

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

(2013 to 2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each question carries 1 mark.*

Define the following :

1. Epistemology.
2. Empiricism.
3. Hypothesis.
4. Scarcity.
5. Deductive method.
6. Partial Equilibrium.
7. Command economy.
8. Endogenous variable.
9. Stock variable.
10. Economic model.

(10 × 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 positive economics ?
12. Write a note on objectivity in Social Sciences.
13. Write a note on Structuralism.
14. What is a variable ?

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15. Write a note on library techniques.
16. What do you mean by a Paradigm ?
17. What is a Law in Social Sciences ?
18. What do you mean by Markets ?
19. What is a stock variable ?
20. Explain the scope of Economics.
21. What are merits of economic planning ?
22. Explain a simple Microeconomic model.

(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 Natural Sciences ?
24. Discuss the concept of Epistemology.
25. Discuss the basic tenets of Positivism.
26. Distinguish between Modernism and Post-Modernism.
27. What is Comparative Statics ?
28. What is General Equilibrium Analysis ?
29. Distinguish between deductive and inductive methods.
30. What is a hypothesis ? Discuss the different types of hypotheses.
31. Distinguish between dependent and independent variables.

(6 × 4 = 24)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following questions not exceeding four pages each.*

*Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. What is scientific method ? What are the steps involved in it ?
33. Discuss the steps involved in the formulation of economic theories.
34. Discuss the features of Market Economy.
35. Discuss the importance of inter-disciplinary approach in Social Sciences

(2 × 15 = 30)