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B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015

First Semester

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

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

(2013 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Answers may be written either in English or in Malayalam.

Part A

Answer all the following questions.

Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Partial equilibrium analysis.
- 2. Economic models
- 3. Stock variable.
- 4. Command economy.
- 5. Institutionalist school.
- 6. Positive economics.
- 7. Dependent variable.
- 8. Exogeneous variable.
- 9. Neo-classical school.
- 10. Das capital.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Part B (Short Notes)

Answer any eight of the following in a paragraph each not exceeding 100 words. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Explain wealth definition. What are its limitations?
- Explain the scope of economics.
- 13. What are the uses of economic models?
- 14. Distinguish between stock and flow variables.
- Explain the features of objectivity.

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- 16. Distinguish between normative and positive economics.
- 17. Write about medieval economic thought.
- 18. Explain a simple macro economic model.
- 19. What are the merits of deductive method.
- 20. What are the features of socialist planning?
- 21. Explain the assumptions in Economics.
- 22. Distinguish between Independent and dependent variables.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16)$

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 inductive method? What are its merits and demerits?
- 24. Explain the contribution of classicals to economic thought.
- 25. Discuss the nature of economic laws.
- 26. What are the uses of theories in economics?
- 27. Explain the different steps in economic theories.
- 28. What are the features of free market economy?
- 29. Explain the contributions of Historical School.
- 30. Analyse the various methods in Social Sciences.
- 31. Explain the nature of scientific theory.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24)$

Part D (Essays)

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

Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. What are the features of Mixed economy? Point out its merits and demorits.
- 33. Explain the different phases in the evolution of social science.
- 34. Discuss the relationship between Social Science and other branches of knowledge.
- 35. Compare and contrast between static and dynamic models which are used in economic analysis.

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