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**III Semester B.A. Degree (CCSS-Reg./Supple./Imp.)**  
**Examination, November 2014**  
**CORE COURSE IN ECONOMICS/DEV. ECONOMICS**  
**3B03 ECO : Methodology of Social Sciences with Special Reference to**  
**Economics**  
**(2012 Admission Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

**Instruction :** Answers may be written either in **English** or in **Malayalam**.

PART – A

Objective type questions (in bunches of **two**) Choose the correct answer.

1. By a \_\_\_\_\_ we mean some such proposition as "in all cases where events A occur, events B also occur".
 

a) Universal law	b) Hypothesis
c) Logic	d) None of these
  
2. The social sciences lack
 

a) Theories	b) Concepts
c) Scientific laws	d) Generalisations
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ involves the same rules of logical inference as the operation that come before events.
 

a) Explanation	b) Prediction
c) Both a) and b)	d) None of the above
  
4. Objectivity means
 

a) Precision	b) Taking nothing for granted
c) Eliminating bias	d) All of these

**(Bunch Weightage : 1)**



5. Scientific research relates to
- controlled inquiry
  - relationship among variables
  - consideration of dependent and independent variables
  - all of these
6. Game theory was largely developed by
- Joseph Stiglitz
  - J. V. Neumann
  - Chamberlin
  - None of these
7. Deterministic statements are
- Rare in Economics
  - Common in Economics
  - Depends on the relevant theory
  - None of these
8. 'The Structure of Scientific Revolution' is written by
- Thomas Kuhn
  - Karl Popper
  - Karl Marx
  - None of these
- (Bunch Weightage : 1)**

## PART – B

Short answer questions. Answer **any ten** of the following questions **not** exceeding **50** words **each**. **Each** question carries **1** weightage.

- Distinguish between subjectivity and objectivity.
- Discuss methodology in economics.
- Explain an Economic model.
- Define theory.
- What do you mean by interdisciplinary approach ?
- Explain the difference between inductive and deductive method.
- Define macroeconomics.
- Explain ethical neutrality.



- Distinguish between exogenous and endogenous variables.
  - What is Hypothesis ?
  - Define prediction.
  - Explain positive economics.
- (Weightage 1×10=10)**

## PART – C

Short essay. Answer **any five not** exceeding **150** words **each**. **Each** question carries **2** weightage.

- Define Scientific Research.
  - Explain the importance of economic laws.
  - Explain the uses of economic models.
  - Describe the importance of assumptions in economics.
  - Discuss how a research study is being undertaken in economics.
  - Bring out the importance and limitations of using Normative economics.
  - Examine how economics is related with other social science discipline.
- (Weightage 5×2=10)**

## PART – D

Long essay. Answer **any two** questions **not** exceeding **450** words. **Each** question carries **4** weightage.

- Discuss the pros and cons of two methods of investigation in economics – deductive and inductive method.
  - Explain the significance of economic theory, role of assumptions in practicing and explaining economic phenomena.
  - Bring out the micro foundations of macro economics.
  - State the components of social science and explain how it is related with economics.
- (Weightage 2×4=8)**