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CORE COURSE IN ECONOMICS/DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
3B03 ECO : Methodology of Social Sciences with Special Reference to
Economics

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Weightage : 30

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

PART – A

Objective type questions (in bunches of two) :

Choose the correct answer :

- I. 1. The hypothesis derived from theory is

a) internally consistent	b) logically complete
c) falsifiable	d) all of these
2. Variables that exercise influence on other variables are called

a) dependent variable	b) independent variable
c) control variable	d) none of these
3. The classical, neo classical, monetarist, Keynesian refers to the discipline of

a) Sociology	b) Economics
c) History	d) None of these
4. The book "Scope and Method of Political Economy" is written by

a) John Neville Keynes	b) John Maynard Keynes
c) Marshall	d) None of these

(Weightage : 1)



- II. 5. Normative economics postulates
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|-------------------|---------------------|
| a) what is | b) what ought to be |
| c) both a) and b) | d) none of these |
6. The concept of falsification is introduced by
- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| a) Karl Popper | b) Lakotas |
| c) Kuhn | d) None of these |
7. Data taken on the same variable or variables, at successive points in time
- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| a) Time series data | b) Cross section data |
| c) Both a) and b) | d) None of the above |
8. Predictions in economics are
- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a) Universal | b) Sometimes conflict with theory |
| c) Both a) and b) | d) None of the above |
- (Weightage : 1)**

PART – B

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

9. Define scientific research.
10. Explain an Economic Model.
11. What is meant Statistical Inference ?
12. Distinguish between an endogenous variable and exogenous variable.
13. What is Hypothetica – Deductive Model ?
14. Differentiate constant and variable.
15. Distinguish between Macro and Micro Economics.
16. Explain the power of theorizing.
17. Discuss any two limits to objectivity.



18. Define theory.
19. Explain a hypothesis.
20. Explain ethical neutrality.

(Weightage : 10×1=10)

PART – C
(Short Essay)

Answer **any five not** exceeding **150 words each**. **Each** question carries **2** Weightage.

21. Discuss the components of social science.
 22. Explain the term variable and the types of variables.
 23. Discuss the role of assumptions in Economics.
 24. Explain the significance of economic laws.
 25. Explain the importance of prediction in economics.
 26. Discuss any two basic properties of objectivity in research.
 27. Distinguish between abstract and real models.
- (Weightage : 5×2=10)**

PART – D
(Long Essay)

Answer **any two** questions **not** exceeding **450 words**. **Each** question carries **4** Weightage.

28. Explain the importance of logic in economics ? Discuss how both inductive and deductive logic have been used in Economics highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of both ?
29. Define an economic model ? Explain the Criteria for good model building ? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using economic models in explaining an economic phenomena or an issue ?
30. Discuss the significance of economic theory, assumptions in economics and the analysis in testing and measurement ?
31. Explain how economics is related with other social sciences. **(Weightage : 2×4=8)**