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First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, May 2021

First Degree Programme under CSS

SDE

Political Science

**Core Course I : PS 1141 — METHODOLOGY AND PERSPECTIVES OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

(2017 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer in **one** or **two** sentences. Answer **all** questions. Each Carries **1** Mark.

1. Define Political Science
2. Positivism
3. Research Design
4. Primary Source
5. Hypothesis
6. Behaviouralism
7. Synopsis

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8. MLA Style
9. Political Economy.
10. Epistemology.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer in a paragraph. Answer any eight questions.

11. What do you understand by inter disciplinary research?
12. What is meant by 'objectivity' in research?
13. How does value system affect research in social sciences?
14. What do you understand by scientific spirit?
15. Explain modernism.
16. Explain Ethical Neutrality.
17. What do you understand by verifiability in research?
18. What are the major issues while formulating research hypothesis?
19. What is Plagiarism?
20. What do you understand by Behavioural approach?
21. Explain briefly, Logical Positivism.
22. Explain the characteristics of a good Interview.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Short Essay (not to exceed **120** words) Answer **any six** questions.

23. Discuss how far Social Sciences can claim to be sciences.
24. Compare and contrast inter disciplinary and multi disciplinary research.
25. Trace the evolution of social sciences as disciplines.
26. Differentiate between Primary and Secondary data.
27. What do you understand by scientific method? Explain.
28. Explain the subject matter of Political Sociology.
29. How important is field data collection in social science research? Explain.
30. What are the precautions to be taken while preparing a research report?
31. How social science research is different from pure science research?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Essay Questions. Answer **any two** questions.

32. Discuss in detail the problem solving nature of Social Sciences.
33. Explain the components of a good research design.
34. Compare and contrast the various social science disciplines
35. Critically evaluate the major concerns in Social Science research.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)