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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Reg. No. :.....

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First Semester B.A. Degree Examination, November 2014

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Core Course: Economics – I

AUEC141: Methodology and Perspectives of Social Sciences

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

SECTION – A

Answer ALL the following terms each in one or two sentences.

1. Positivism.
2. Objectivity.
3. Gender.
4. Enlightenment.
5. Longitudinal Survey.
6. Historical method.
7. Varna system.
8. Case study.
9. Social work.
10. Westernization.

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – B

Write short notes on any EIGHT of the following, not exceeding a paragraph.

11. Explain Deductive and Inductive method.
12. Examine the different types of family.

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13. Definitions of Economics.
14. What is Anthropology ? Explain the different branches of anthropology.
15. Explain the characteristics features of social sciences.
16. Distinguish between caste and class.
17. Explain the ethical issues involved in social sciences.
18. Define Micro and Macro Economics.
19. Explain the nature and characteristics of social class.
20. Explain comparative and cross cultural method.
21. Give four forms of gender inequality.
22. Give a note on Sample survey method.

(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)

SECTION – C

*Short essay type : Answer any **SIX** questions, each not to exceed one and a half page.*

23. Explain the basic epistemology in social science.
24. What are the gender issues in India ?
25. What is the purpose of social science ?
26. What are the difficulties in achieving objectivity in social sciences ?
27. What is Scientific method ? Briefly explain the different steps of the scientific method.
28. Explain the advantages of the use of statistics in social science research.
29. Analyse the nature and features of the urban community life.
30. Discuss the interdisciplinary approach in social sciences.
31. What is the importance of family as an element of social structure ?

(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – D

Long essay type : Answer any TWO questions, each not exceeding three pages.

32. Trace out the emergence of social sciences and examine the disciplines in social sciences.
33. Elucidate the salient features of caste system.
34. Explain the relevance of social science in understanding and solving contemporary problems at various levels.
35. Explain briefly the important research methods used in social sciences.

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)

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