

2017

M.Phil.

1st Semester Examination

POLITICAL SCIENCE

PAPER — PLS-111

**[Social Science Reserch : Theoretical and
Methodological Perspectives]**

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their
own words as far as practicable.*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer all questions.

Group - A

1. Critically assess the significance of the hermeneutic method in social science research. 15

Or

*Evaluate the role of August Comte in developing the
positivist method in social research.*

(Turn Over)

2. What do you understand by INUS condition? 5

Or

Attempt a brief note on the limitations of casual reading.

Group - B

3. Identify the steps taken in qualitative research process. 15

Or

Examine the non-conservative antithesis to scientific (quantitative) approach with special reference to the idea of C. Wright Mills and Alvin Gouldner.

4. Write a short note on the 'combined approach' to social research. 5

Or

What are the major factors that are to be taken into account while choosing between quantitative and qualitative approaches to social science reserch?

[Internal Assessment : 10 Marks]