

**2018**

**M.Phil.**

**1st Semester Examination**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**PAPER — PLS-112**

*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.*

**[Logic of Scientific Enquiry]**

Answer all questions.

**Group—A**

1. Examine the salient features of scientific research. 15

Or

How can the clarity of a 'concept' be ensured in social sciences? Elaborate. 15

*(Turn Over)*

2. What, according to Becker and Sarantakos, are the goals of social research? 5

Or

Define 'intervening variable' and give a suitable example. 5

**Group—B**

3. Critically assess the importance of 'hermeneutic reading' in social sciences. Where does it differ from 'Causal reading'? 15

Or

Evaluate the contributions of Auguste Comte towards the development of 'positivist' methodology. 15

4. What is 'INUS'? 5

Or

What do you mean by the Althusserian term 'interpellation'? 5

**[ Internal Assessment : 10 Marks ]**