

Indian Institute of Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences Department

Selection Procedure for PhD Admissions, December 2014

Total Marks: 100; Duration: 2 hours

SECTION B: Test for Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Candidates: 70 MARKS

Answer any three questions. All questions carry equal marks (70/3 marks each).

Expected length of each answer is approximately 500 words (or 2 pages of your answer book)

1. How do you understand the difference between Science and the Humanities as two distinct intellectual activities?
2. Why is Democracy so highly valued as a social and political ideal?
3. What is caste? What kind of changes has the institution of caste experienced in the last two decades?
4. What is your understanding of gender equality? Write a note on violence against women in India.
5. Nature based conflicts (e.g. related to forestry rights, building of dams) have increased in frequency and intensity in India. Discuss this from a political economy perspective.
6. According to you, what are the three most important development challenges before the Indian economy?