Entrance Examination -2014 Ph.D. Programme in Science Technology and Society studies

Time: 2 Hours Max. Marks: 75

The question paper contains three sections. Read the instructions before answering the questions.

Section - I

Marks: 30

Answer any <u>TWO</u> of the following questions. Each question carries 15marks. Limit your answer to 250 words.

- 1. What is the nature of interdisciplinary research? Elucidate with appropriate examples.
- 2. Locating your arguments in the development discourse analyze the responses on 'public utility of Mars mission'.
- 3. Problematizing the modern science and technology examine the notion of 'risk society'.
- 4. Jawaharlal Nehru said: 'the future belongs to science and those who make friends with science'. Critically examine the statement against the backdrop of challenges India is facing today.

Section - II

Marks: 20

Write an essay of 200 words on any **TWO** of the following topics. (2 X 10 marks)

- 1. Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2013 and promotion of innovation in India.
- 2. Changing Interrelationship between science, technology and society.
- 3. Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) regime and its influence on research in public Research and Development (R&D) institutions in India.
- 4. Genetically Modified (GM) food crops with reference to India

Section - III

Marks: 25

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Critically examine the relevance of methods of studying nature in understanding social phenomena. (Marks: 5)
- 2. Delineate the theoretical, methodological and operational aspects of your proposed research in the area of science technology and society studies. (Marks: 20)