Philosophy of Science: HSS 202

Mid Semester Examination- 1

Total Marks: 25

Section A

(Answer the questions in not more than 100 words. Each question carries 2.5 marks.)

- 'No scientific law can be verified'. Do you agree with this statement, Explain your answer.
- 2. 'Confirmation should depend on the form of the hypothesis, not the content of the hypothesis'. Do you agree with this statement, Explain your answer.
- 3. Critically evaluate consistency condition as a necessary condition of confirmation.
- 4. Give an example each of a hypothesis and evidence in a detective investigation. And analyse whether the relation between the hypothesis and the evidence is deductive or inductive.

Section B (Raven paradox)

(Answer the questions in not more than 150 words. Each carries 5 marks.)

- 5. Explain the raven paradox. And analyse whether any hidden premises are involved in the construction of the paradox.
- 6. Explain Hempel's solution to the paradox.
- 7. Give your own argument either in favour or against Hempel's solution. (use your own examples to articulate the position)