

**Presidency University**

**Department of Sociology**

**Admission Test Model Question Paper (Full marks: 100 Time: 2 Hours)**

1. Write an essay within 250 words on **“Corruption in India”** with relevant examples. **25**
2. Comment both for and against this statement in about 200 words:  
**“The present sex ratio in West Bengal is undesirable”.** **25**
3. Write short notes on the following in about 100 words each: **5×5=25**
  - a) Social networking
  - b) Sex and Gender
  - c) Mass Media
  - d) Consumer culture
  - e) Commercialization of cricket
4. Read the following paragraph and answer the question in your own words: **25**

The Europeans who travelled to the Americas in the 1500s went looking for giants, amazons and pygmies, the fountain of eternal youth, women whose bodies never aged and men who lived for several hundred years. The familiar images of traditional European myths helped guide the voyages undertaken. The American Indians were initially regarded as wild creatures, having more affinity with animals than with human beings. Paracelsus, the sixteenth century medical writer, pictured North America as a continent peopled with creatures that were half-men, half-beast. Nymphs, satyrs, pygmies, and wild men were thought to be soulless beings created spontaneously from the earth. The Bishop of Santa Marta in Colombia, South America, described the local Indians as ‘not men with rational souls but wild men of woods, for which reason they could retain no Christian doctrine, no virtue, nor any kind of learning.’ (Source: *Sociology* by Anthony Giddens, Polity Press, 1992, p 30.)

**Q: What is cultural difference? Can there be any inherent superiority or inferiority of any particular population? (Answer within 200 words)**