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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ECONOMICS

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2014

EC 3810 - RESEARCH METHODS IN ECONOMICS

Date : 05/11/2014
Time : 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

Part A

Answer any FIVE of the following; not exceeding 75 words each:

5*4 = 20

1. Distinguish between field and documentation source of data.
2. What is a hypothesis?
3. What are the basic elements of scientific methods?
4. Explain what governs the choice of sample
5. Why is it important in research to have a research problem?
6. List out the types of sampling.
7. Explain observation as a method of data collection.

Part B

Answer any FOUR of the following; not exceeding 250 words each:

4*10 =40

8. What are the difficulties students face while undergoing research. How can it be overcome?
9. Evaluate questionnaire as a method of data collection.
10. Evaluate the concept and details of a research design.
11. Why logical, mathematical and statistical tools should be used in research.
12. Every research will have to have assumptions and limitations ----Justify.
13. Explain organisation of data, its collection, classification and preparation.
14. Explain the process of conducting an interview.

Part C

Answer any TWO of the following, not exceeding 900 words:

2*20 = 40

15. Explain the overall format of a thesis in its chapterisation. What are the issues to be kept in mind while proceeding with the research report?
16. Outline the broad steps in research, factors which affect research, problems that come up and methods to overcome.
17. Evaluate the present status of economic research in India. Why has it failed in some areas? Suggest remedies.
18. The constant flow of brain drain has also been the result of inadequate research facilities in India. Comment on this with a justification analysis.
