



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ECONOMICS

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2016

EC 3810 - RESEARCH METHODS IN ECONOMICS

Date: 05-11-2016
Time: 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Part – A

Answer any FIVE questions in about 75 words each.

(5 x 4 = 20 marks)

1. Define the concept of scientific research.
2. Differentiate between research methods and research methodology.
3. Write short note on Theory and Fact.
4. What is Hypothesis?
5. Distinguish between questionnaire and Schedule.
6. What is interviewer bias?
7. Bring out the importance for Bibliography.

Part – B

Answer any FOUR questions in about 300 words each.

(4 x 10 = 40 marks)

8. Explain the meaning, purpose, contents, format and qualities of a good research.
9. Examine the various sources for identifying a research problem.
10. Bring out the various types and the characteristics of usable hypothesis.
11. Briefly explain the various types of Research Design.
12. Explain the parametric and non-parametric tests used in the testing of hypothesis.
13. Explain the purpose of questionnaire, its construction and its limitations.
14. Differentiate participant and non-participant observation. Bring out the merits and limitations of observation method.

Part – C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words each.

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

15. Discuss in detail the steps involved in a research process.
16. What is the rationale on purposive research design? Bring out its relevance and importance in modern research.
17. Discuss the various methods of data collection.
18. Elaborate the format of a research report and the mechanics of report writing.
