

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2010

**SO 3806 / 1807 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS**

Date & Time: 21/04/2010 / 9:00 - 12:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART-A**

**Answer ALL the following :**

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. How does Mory define “research”?
2. Mention some factors that motivate people to take up research.
3. “Scientific method is based on certain basic postulates”. What are they?
4. Indicate some errors that may affect the research findings.
5. What are the different types of interview?
6. What are the strength and weakness of Field Research?
7. Distinguish the role of a researcher as complete participant from that of participant as observer.
8. What are the assumptions in the Life History method of study?
9. What are the two types of measures of traces?
10. What is ideographic method of research?

**PART-B**

**Answer any FIVE of the following :**

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

11. “Sociology is an imperfect science”. What are the adduced reasons?
12. What are the differences between qualitative approach and quantitative approach?
13. What is the role of research in the formulation of theory?
14. What are the rules for a successful interview?
15. Explain the problem of internal and external validity in Life History method.
16. Write a note on coding in Content analysis.
17. Briefly discuss controlled accretions and decrections in Physical Traces method of study.

**PART-C**

**Answer any TWO of the following :**

(2 x 20 = 40 marks)

18. Explain the interplay between research and theory.
19. Elucidate the advantages and disadvantages of interview technique of data collection.
20. Discuss various type of content analysis.
21. Highlight the important sources of data for Life History method of study.