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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2016

SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Date: 25-04-2016
Time: 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

Answer **ALL** questions in about **30 words** each:

(10×2=20 marks)

1. Define qualitative research.
2. What is meant by objectivity?
3. What is theory?
4. State any two errors in reasoning.
5. Give any two differences between field research and interview.
6. Mention any two strengths of field research.
7. What is participant observation?
8. Define content analysis.
9. State any two problems of validity in life history method.
10. Give any two weaknesses of physical traces method.

PART – B

Answer any **FIVE** questions in about **300 words** each:

(5×8 =40 marks)

11. Briefly explain operationalisation in qualitative research.
12. Differentiate internal from external validity.
13. Delineate the qualities of an interviewer.
14. Examine the limitations of interview.
15. Highlight the method of recording observation in a field research.
16. Explicate the types of observer roles.
17. Briefly examine the sources of data for physical traces method.

PART – C

Answer any **TWO** questions in about **1200 words** each:

(2×20 =40 marks)

18. Define research and discuss the inductive and deductive methods of research.
19. Analyse different techniques used by the researcher in participant observation.
20. What is sampling? Analyse the different methods of sampling.
21. What is life history method? Elaborate on its strengths and weaknesses
