LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

**M.Sc.** DEGREE EXAMINATION – **MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY**

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# SO 3806 - QUALITIATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Date : 29-10-10 Dept. No. Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 9:00 - 12:00

## Part-A

**Answer ALL the following questions in 30 words each :**  (10 x 2=20 marks)

1. What is the principle objective of research?

2. What is the significance of survey of literature in research process?

3. Mention some important factors that motivate scholars to take up research.

4. Distinguish ideographic method of research from nomothetic method.

5. What is the meaning of interview according to Bandarkar?

6. Based on your experience of a rural camp, propose two relevant topics for Field Research.

7. Point out some prerequisites for the successful collection of data through participant Observation?

8. Define “content analysis”.

9. Indicate two major assumptions of Life History Method of research.

10. What are the advantages of Physical Traces Method of study?

# Part-B

**Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 300 words each :** (5 x8=40 marks)

11. “Social science is an imperfect science”-Discuss.

12. Highlight the significance of the unobtrusive method of research.

13. Critically evaluate data collection through interview technique.

14. What are the various roles that a researcher can play during Participant observation?

15. Discuss the various types of content analysis.

16. How does the problem of validity arise in Life History Method of study?

17. With an example of a case study, explain the limitations of Physical Trace method of research.

# Part-C

**Answer any TWO of the following questions in 1200 words each :**  (2x20=40 marks)

18. Explain the symbiotic relationship between theory and research.

19. Discuss the preparatory steps for the successful conduct of Field Research.

20. Explicate the advantages and disadvantages of content analysis.

21. Elucidate the primary sources of data for Life History Method of research.

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