



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION - MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2011

SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Date : 31-10-2011
Time : 9:00 - 12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

Part-A

Answer ALL the following questions in 30 words each :

(10x2=20 marks)

1. What is the meaning of life history method?
2. How could the researcher resolve the problems of validity in participant observation?
3. What is the assumption of content analysis?
4. How does the ideographic method differ from nomothetic method of study?
5. Is value free sociological finding possible?
6. Differentiate inductive method from deductive method of research.
7. What are the sources of errors that may affect the research findings?
8. What are the different types of recording the data?
9. How does fact differ from theory?
10. Bring out the contrast between concept and construct with an example.

Part-B

Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 300 words each:

(5x8=40 marks)

11. Critically evaluate the physical traces method of study.
12. Delineate different types of content analysis.
13. Discuss the guidelines for a fruitful interview.
14. Elucidate different forms of interview technique.
15. Explain the process of constructing a theory with the example of "Fragmentation of Political Parties".
16. Illustrate the unobtrusive method of research with appropriate examples.
17. "The relationship between validity and reliability is asymmetrical, as validity means reliability but not vice versa"- Comment on this statement.

Part-C

Answer any TWO of the following questions in 1200 words each:

(2x20=40 marks)

18. "Theory and research guide and enrich each other"-discuss.
19. Highlight the important steps and its significance in the scientific research process.
20. Discuss the different sources for life history method of research.
21. Elucidate the important types of observer roles and steps in participant observation.
