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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2014

SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Date : 30/10/2014
Time : 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

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

(10×2=20 marks)

1. Highlight any one difference between qualitative and quantitative research?
2. Define variables.
3. What is the difference between theory and law?
4. Explain the significance of reliability and validity in research.
5. State the essential difference between inductive and deductive reasoning
6. What are the three types of longitudinal studies?
7. List the four modes of observation enunciated by Raymond Gold.
8. State the difference between interview guide and interview schedule.
9. What are the strengths of content analysis?
10. List the importance of Life History method.

PART – B

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

(5×8 =40 marks)

11. Explain the relationship between theory and research.
12. What is meant by errors in reasoning and elucidate the three criteria of causality.
13. Discuss elaborately the inductive and deductive approaches in research.
14. Write a note on 'Group Interview'.
15. What are the strengths and weaknesses of field research?
16. How is sampling done for content analysis?
17. Discuss briefly strength and weakness of physical traces research method.

PART – C

Answer any **TWO** of the following in about **1200 words** each:

(2×20 =40 marks)

18. Discuss the essential features of qualitative research.
 19. What are the elements of qualitative research design?
 20. What are the salient aspects of an interview schedule?
 21. How does a researcher prepare himself or herself for doing field observation?
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