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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2015

SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

Date : 03/11/2015

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 09:00-12:00

PART – A

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

(10×2=20 marks)

1. Define unobtrusive research.
2. What is objectivity?
3. What is meant by micro level theory?
4. What do you mean by inductive method?
5. What is hard interview?
6. Mention any two weaknesses of field research.
7. Point out any two differences between covert and overt observation.
8. What is content analysis?
9. State any two assumptions of life history method.
10. What is meant by 'natural accretion measure' in physical traces method?

PART – B

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

(5×8 =40 marks)

11. Briefly discuss variables and constructs.
12. Explain how theory and research are related.
13. Delineate the characteristics of interview.
14. Highlight the problems encountered during field research.
15. Elucidate the major purposes of observation.
16. Explicate the strengths of content analysis.
17. Briefly explain the strengths and limitations of physical traces method.

PART – C

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

(2×20 =40 marks)

18. Define research and discuss the inductive and deductive methods of research.
19. Elaborate the process of theory-building in research.
20. Write a descriptive essay on the types of interview in detail.
21. Discuss the different types and the sources of data in life history research method.
