



# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

## M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2024

PIR 2503 – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Date: 06-04-2024

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

### PART – A

(4x 10 = 40 Marks)

**Answer any Four of the following in 400-500 words each**

1. Assess the idea of 'Scientific Revolution' by Thomas Kuhn.
2. Trace the concept of 'Rationalism' in social science research.
3. Discuss the importance of Interview method. Enumerate desirable qualities of a good interviewer.
4. Examine Content Analysis as a research tool in research?
5. Differentiate independent and dependent variables with relevant examples from International Relations.
6. Explain Popper's concept of falsification.

### PART – B

(3 x 20 = 60 Marks)

**Answer any Three of the following in 1200 words each**

7. a) Define Research Methodology? Explain Qualitative and Quantitative types of research.  
**(or)**  
b) Explain Foucault's categorization of Power. Discuss the concept of 'Panopticon' and 'Governmentality' with relevant examples.
8. a) Explain the Case Study method in social science research? Highlight any four types of sampling strategies.

**(or)**

- b) Evaluate the scope of Ethics in Social Science research especially in matters regarding vulnerable communities/identities.
9. a) Design a draft research synopsis on any one area of your interest within the scope of International Relations.

**(or)**

- b) Discuss Qualitative research design. Explain any three types of Qualitative research techniques with relevant examples.

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