



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION - ECONOMICS

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2013

EC 3810 - RESEARCH METHODS IN ECONOMICS

Date : 07/05/2013
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

Part A

5 x 4 = 20

Answer any Five of the following, each answer not exceeding more than 75 words:

1. Explain briefly the statement Research is based on empirical evidence.
2. What is ethical neutrality?
3. Explain briefly the need for objectivity in social research.
4. Define hypothesis
5. Distinguish between primary and secondary data.
6. Explain the term Bibliography.
7. Distinguish between mal observation and non- observation.

Part B

4 x 10 = 40

Answer any Four of the following, each answer not exceeding more than 250 words:

8. Discuss the various types of interview methods.
9. How should a questionnaire be designed?
10. Explain sampling method as a tool of data collection
11. Explain the process of analysis and processing of data
12. Evaluate the case study method.
13. Explain the stages in a research process
14. Why is theory an essential aspect of social science research?

Part C

2 x 20 = 40

Answer any Two of the following, each answer not exceeding more than 900 words:

15. Discuss the nature and significance of social research
16. Evaluate the need for a research problem design.
17. Highlight briefly some important methods of data collection.
18. Explain the meaning, purpose, contents, format and qualities of a good research.
