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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

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PSO2MC03 – RESEARCH METHODS QCRM



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 True or False

- Paradigm is a theoretical perspective accepted by the community of scientists of a given discipline.
- Concepts are the 'building blocks of theory.'
- Phenomenological research is a strategy of inquiry in which the researcher identifies the essence of human experiences about a phenomenon as described by participants.
- Qualitative data includes texts, images, audio and visual materials.
- A research proposal aims to justify the need for conducting research on a specific problem.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

- Nominal variable - Ranking
- Induction - Research instrument
- Ordinal variable - Specific to general
- Pre-test - Qualitative research
- Content analysis - Naming

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each.

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Explain validity and its types in quantitative research.
- Provide your understanding of pilot studies in quantitative research.
- Identify the significance of literature review.
- Illustrate the general steps involved in data analysis in qualitative research discussed by Creswell.
- Interpret the ideas of Goffman on field work.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.

(2 x 12.5 = 25)

- Examine the advantages and disadvantages of open questions in a questionnaire.
- Analyse the typical structure of quantitative research.
- Explain the epistemological arguments involved in a constructionist view of narratives.
- Evaluate the different scales of measurement in quantitative research.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words

(1 x 15 = 15)

- Summarize the different paradigms of social research.
- Critically analyse why sociological imagination is necessary in social research.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words

(1 x 20 = 20)

- Describe on the parts of a research proposal.
- Explain the qualitative techniques of data collection.
