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**FOURTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2017**

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Sociology

SOC 4B 05/SOM 4B 04—SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A (Objective Type Questions)**

*Answer all the ten questions.*

*Each question carries 1 mark.*

Fill in the blanks :

- 1 The method which is used to check the validity of the tool selected is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ is the framework or the overall plan of research.
- 3 The causal factor in an experimental research is the \_\_\_\_\_ variable.
- 4 Research that aims at the practical solution of a social problem is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ research is more rigid and less flexible.

True or false questions :

- 6 Narrative research is a qualitative research method.
- 7 Hypothesis testing research is also known as diagnostic research.
- 8 Survey research is a positivist type of research.
- 9 Exploratory researches are based on hypotheses.
- 10 Interview is mainly a quantitative tool of data collection.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

**Section B (Very Short Answer Type Questions)**

*Answer any ten questions out of twelve.*

*Each question carries 2 marks.*

Define the following concepts in 50 words :

- 11 Mailed Questionnaire.
- 12 Participant Observation.

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- 13 Interview method.
- 14 Effect variable.
- 15 Applied research.
- 16 Descriptive research.
- 17 Pre test.
- 18 Unit of study.
- 19 Study population.
- 20 Scientific method.
- 21 Inductive research.
- 22 Sampling frame.

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

### Section C (Short Essay Questions)

Answer any **six** questions out of **eight** in less than 250 words.

Each question carries 5 marks.

- 23 Explain why literature review is expected to be a critical review.
- 24 Illustrate the procedure for the construction of a hypothesis.
- 25 Differentiate between basic and applied research.
- 26 Discuss the relation between theory and research in quantitative research.
- 27 Examine the limitations of a survey research.
- 28 What is known as projective techniques ?
- 29 Present the different types of data and identify the different sources of data.
- 30 What is a research design ? Explain the uses of a design in research.

(6 × 5 = 30 marks)

### Section D (Essay Questions)

Answer any **two** questions out of **four** in 1000 words.

Each question carries 10 marks

- 31 Illustrate the various qualitative research methods.
- 32 Explain why research is considered as a cyclical process.
- 33 Describe the various stages in social research.
- 34 What is action research ? Present the uses of this method in social research.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)