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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JULY 2025

Second Semester

Common for M.A. History and M.A. Sociology

M21UC01AC – Foundational Skills for Research and Writing

(2023 January admissions)

(Supplementary / Improvement)

THIS IS AN OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION. YOU MAY REFER THE SELF-LEARNING MATERIAL ISSUED TO YOU BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE COURSE M21UC01AC.

Please note that no separate time is allotted for referring to the SLM.
Answer all questions either in English or Malayalam

Time: 3 Hours and 15 minutes

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any five of the following questions in half a page each. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. Your research topic is “Role of Social Media in Political Discourse and Democracy”. How can you use primary and secondary sources to ensure a comprehensive understanding of this topic?
2. How does a bibliography act as a bridge between a researcher’s sources and the authenticity of their scholarly work?
3. Think of a real-world problem or challenge that interests you. How would you define the research problem and choose a title that explores its essence?
4. What is the purpose of literature review in academic research? Explain with an example of your choice.
5. Imagine you are conducting a research project on the “Rise of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in Kerala”. How would you use qualitative research?
6. Prepare an abstract on a topic of your choice with not more than 200 words.
7. When a researcher paraphrases his primary source without giving citation in his thesis, is it plagiarism? Substantiate.
8. Suggest some areas of research that will contribute to societal progress and development of India.
9. Prepare a set of 4 open-ended questions to be asked to the people affected with natural disaster of Wayanad land slide, in order to understand the intensity of economic loss.

10. Arrange the reference in the MLA and APA formatting style.

Journal Article: "Social Media and Mental Health: Benefits, Risks, and Opportunities for Research and Practice." by Naslund JA, Bondre A, Torous J, Aschbrenner KA, published in TechnolBehav Sci, Volume 5, Issue 3, Pages 245-257, April 20, 2020, doi: 10.1007/s41347-020-00134-x

(4X5=20)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in maximum one page. Each question carries 6 marks.

11. Develop three research objectives for the topic: "Role of education in improving the status of the society".
12. You are a researcher conducting a study on "The impact of social media on mental health in adolescents. Identify three research gap after reviewing existing literature.
13. A researcher, while writing a research paper on "The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health", identifies several instances of plagiarism. Identify and list the different types of plagiarism that the researcher may encounter.
14. Draft three research questions for a study on "*The Influence of Digital Media on Political Awareness Among Youth in Kerala.*"
15. To what extent do IPR Laws encourage innovation in global industries?
16. Give your own definition of research and analyze how research has contributed to social welfare. (Cite any three specific research contribution).
17. With the help of an example elaborate how the non-availability of previous literature affects your research progress.

(6X5=30)

Section C

Answer any one of the following questions in four pages. Each question carries 20 marks.

18. Develop a research synopsis on any of the given topic with necessary sections like Title, Background of the problem, Research objectives, Research questions, Significance of the study, Suggested methodology etc.

- i) Waste management
 - ii) Unemployment
- OR
- iii) Domestic violence

19. Explain the importance of ethical considerations in research, including issues such as plagiarism, informed consent, and data integrity. Provide examples of ethical dilemmas researchers might face.

(20X1=20)