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M.A./M.COM DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, DECEMBER 2024
Second Semester
M21UC01AC – Foundational Skills for Research and Writing
(2023 July admissions)

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

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. Is Research only an academic inquiry into matters of social relevance., Comment. What more aspects can you add based on your understanding of Research?
2. Your topic of research is “Social Media and Communication”. How can you make this study interdisciplinary?
3. Prepare a manuscript on a research area in Education. Give a suitable title and justify the title.
4. Comment on the significance of the topic “Gender Stereotyping”.
5. Nita and Anita are conducting research to find out the Gaming Apps among the youth. Name the type of research they are conducting. Also explain its features.
6. How will you check the reliability of a data source?
7. Do you think a research on the child labour will bring about an impact in society? Explain.
8. Prepare four open ended questions regarding any welfare schemes such as Kudumbasree, MGNREGA or Beti Bachao Beti Padao.
9. If you want to study about the upkeep and functioning of “*Ammathottil*” run by Kerala State Council for Child Welfare, what are the likely ethical considerations and principles to be kept in mind while conducting this research?
10. Consider the following data and rewrite it in both MLA and APA style of bibliography:
 - a) Bruce Ackerman, Social Justice in the Liberal State, Yale University Press, 1980 New Haven.
 - b) Edmund Burke, The English Constitutional System in Representation, Edited H. Pitkin, New York 1969, Atherton.

(4X5=20)

Section B

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

11. You want to carry out a qualitative research to understand the impact digital divide has upon senior citizens due to growing digitalization of governmental services, prepare five research questions that probe this.
12. "Wearing helmets and seat belts is important for safe driving". This disclaimer is shown in films to warn about the necessity of wearing helmets to protect ourselves. Briefly explain the research steps you would follow to conduct a study on the impact of this disclaimer amongst young audiences aged 18-25.
13. How would you identify the research gap in the topic "Health Benefits of Organic Vegetables"?
14. Both formal and informal inquiry play a crucial role in research. Ms Soumya is conducting a research on the topic "Safety of Women working in Night Shift in Kerala". Suggest how formal and informal inquiry is conducted on this topic.
15. Mr. Aarav is conducting research on the topic Mercy killing (the practice of ending a patient's life in order to relieve pain and suffering) Develop three open ended questions for this topic.
16. Ms. Rani wants to conduct research in the area "Challenges of Environment Protection in India". But adequate literature is not available in this area. What are the difficulties she might face due to the lack of literature?
17. The use of Artificial Intelligence is increasing in every aspect of society especially in education considering this is relatively new would you employ descriptive research or exploratory research in this field. Select a type of research and justify your selection.

(6X5=30)

Section C

Answer any one of the following questions in four pages.

18.
 - a) You are required to prepare a synopsis of your research relating to any currently significant problem in Kerala.
 - b) Discuss the difference and importance of primary and secondary data based on the topic
19.
 - a) In a research on Censorship (While aimed at protecting society, censorship can lead to misinformation and restrict freedom of expression, creating ethical dilemmas) what do you think the ethical concerns and pitfalls will be?
 - b) Does ethical concerns affect the quality of research? Comment.

(20X1=20)