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**MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2024**  
**Second Semester**  
**Common for MA History and MA Sociology**  
**M21UC01AC – Foundational Skills for Research and Writing**  
**(2023 January admissions)**

**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**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

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

1. Research is the systematic inquiry in any field of knowledge to explore a subject. Is systematic inquiry the only basic feature? Comment. What more aspects can you add based on your understanding of Research?
2. Your topic of research is Socio-Economic Status of Employees in Handloom Industry. How can you make this study interdisciplinary?
3. Cite both the following bibliography in APA Style and MLA Style:
  - a. Doris Merkl M. & Niamh Brennan M, 2007 Discretionary Disclosure Strategies in Corporate Narratives: Incremental Information or Impression Management?. Journal of Accounting Literature 27,116-196
  - b. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azl079>, Levi M. The media construction of financial white-collar crimes. British Journal of Criminology 46(6), 1037–1057 (2006)
4. Comment on the significance of the topic “The Effect of OTT platforms (like Netflix, Hotstar) on theatre going public”.
5. Nita and Anita are conducting research for finding out reasons for a new type of fever. 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 research on gender stereotyping and adolescence will bring about an impact in the society? Explain.
8. Explain the difference between primary and secondary data based on a research topic of your choice.
9. Assess the structure of the passage given below (whether this text meets the quality in structure) and write a summary in 5 sentences:

The India of the early twenty-first century is, therefore, a substantially different entity from that described and discussed in the first eight chapters of this book. Although the term the Indian subcontinent 'retains a vestigial usage, particularly in Britain, it is more common these days to speak, more neutrally, of South Asia 'and of the South Asians' for whom it is, or ancestrally was, home in the popular imagination at least, India has come less to define a civilization than to demarcate a state. But with the ever-growing distance from the colonial past and with the creation of an independent Bangladesh in 1971 (the two successor states thus transmuted into three, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the idea of an India that still residually occupies the same geographical arena and socio-cultural space as once occupied by the India of the Buddha and Ashoka, the Guptas, the Cholas, the Mughals and the British, or even that so ardently aspired to by the Indian nationalist movement. We now live with another India.

10. Prepare an abstract including three key words on the topic "online purchasing behaviour of youngsters in Kerala"

**(4X5=20)**

## **Section B**

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

11. The research topic of Mr Rahul is "A study on E-Banking services provided by SBI in Kerala". Develop three research questions related to this topic.
12. "Smoking is injurious to health. Smoking causes cancer." This smoking disclaimer intends to warn about the harmful effects of smoking to the audience. Briefly explain the research steps you would follow to conduct a study on the impact of this disclaimer amongst the young audiences aged 18-25.
13. How would you identify the research gap in the topic "Customer Satisfaction of Electric Vehicles in Kerala"?
14. Both formal and informal inquiry plays a crucial role in research. Ms Renuka is conducting research on the topic "Work Life Balance of Women Employees in Textile Shops in Kerala". Suggest how formal and informal inquiry is conducted on this topic.

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15. Mr. Anubhav is conducting research on the topic “Health Benefits of Organic Vegetables”. Develop three open ended questions for this topic.
16. Ms. Reshmi wants to conduct research in the area Influence of AI in Education. But adequate literature is not available in this area. What are the difficulties she might face due to the lack of literature?
17. Explain different parts of this annotation.  
Sangiumvibool, P & Chonglertham, S. (2016). Performance based budgeting for continuing and lifelong education services: The Thai higher education perspective. *Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management*, 39 (1); 58 – 74.

Sangiumvibool, P & Chonglertham, S. (2016) analyzed the importance of performance-based budgeting. The study focused on the factors influencing the budgetary decision-making process. The author explained that the Thai government had implemented budget reforms in higher education sector in two different phases. The first phase is a non-financial phase and the second phase is a financial phase. As part of these reforms, the Thai government had enforced performance – based budgeting system. Under the new budgeting system, the administrators had to consider the budget expenditure and should ensure that they are consistent with the university’s objective. The factors identified for the study were student head count, educational projects and programs, number of faculty, graduate students and administrative staff. The study found that student head count, economic conditions or political influence had no direct influence on Thai universities’ budgetary expenditure, but the public university had to rely on government funding. The author suggested that the implementation of performance-based budgeting system should reduce the managerial costs on budgetary revision process during a year.

**(6X5=30)**

**Section C**

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

18. Prepare a synopsis for research related to a topic of contemporary relevance in Kerala. Critically reflect on your synopsis highlighting some of the basic features of the synopsis.
19. *Ethics in research refers to the principles and standards that guide researchers in conducting their work responsibly and with integrity.*  
In research on Mercy Killing (the practice of ending a patient’s life in order to relieve pain and suffering) what do you think the ethical concerns and pitfalls will be?

**(20X1=20)**