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E2004

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MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2025
First Semester
M.A. Sociology
M21SO02DC – Fundamentals of Social Research
(2023 January admissions)
(Supplementary/Improvement)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Define scientific method.
2. The terms 'Gemeinschaft' and 'Gesellschaft' stands for ----
3. Define hypothesis?
4. In----- method statistical analysis is used for data reduction
5. The German Philosopher associated with the first hermeneutics research heritage is ----
6. What is known as analytic induction?
7. Define review of literature?
8. The notion that non-European societies lack rational modes of thinking and scientific approach is a characteristic of -----
9. What is a longitudinal research design?
10. The test-re-test method is used to check ---- of a measure
11. What is the epistemological position held by a positivist?
12. What is the purpose of a glossary in a research report?
13. What is meant by normative ethics?
14. A participatory research approach where research projects are driven by community priorities and involvement throughout is known as
15. What is the goal of interpretive paradigm?

(1X10=10)

Section B

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

16. Why the decolonization of research methodologies is considered as necessary?
17. What are the objectives of social research?

18. What is the meaning of objectivity in social research?
19. Discuss the techniques used to check the reliability of a measure?
20. Briefly explain Heideggerian views on social reality.
21. What is a comparative research design?
22. Make a brief note on Adorno's views on positivist approach
23. Comment on the advantages of community based research.
24. What are the different methods of data collection used by feminist researchers?
25. Prepare the format of title page in a research report.

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Discuss the major notions of eurocentrism.
27. List out the features of Community Based Research.
28. Illustrate different types of hypothesis.
29. Explain the meaning and key principles of feminist paradigm.
30. Comment on the concept 'the social construction of reality'.
31. Distinguish between methods and methodologies in social research.
32. Describe the key elements of participatory action research.
33. Explain positivism as a method to study social phenomena.

(4X5=20)

Section D

Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.

34. Explain the features of positivism in social research and various critical approaches to it.
35. Describe the concept of eurocentrism. Explain the need and benefits of decolonization of research methodologies.
36. Elaborate the concept of research design. Elucidate the characteristics and types of various research designs.
37. Describe inductive and deductive reasoning in social research in the development of scientific knowledge.
38. Illustrate the application of Community Based Research (CBR) as an effective strategy in social research.
39. Narrate the relationship between theory and research in social sciences.

(10X3=30)