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MA DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, JULY 2025
Second Semester
M.A. Sociology
M21SO06DC – Research Methods in Sociology
(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. The -----is the entire group of individuals that a researcher wants to study.
2. Periodic evaluation conducted within the middle of the period is called -----.
3. What is quantitative research?
4. Which sampling method is used when population size is hard to reach?
5. Thurstone Scale is named after the most famous scaling theorist, -----.
6. Which branch of philosophy deals with the nature, sources and limits of knowledge?
7. What do you mean by chronological classification of data?
8. Which research paradigm challenges male-centric biases in sociology and emphasizes women's lives and gender inequalities?
9. Calculate the Mode of the following dataset:
2, 4, 6, 4, 3, 4
10. What is Genealogy?
11. What is a codebook?
12. Which organization is the nodal agency for conducting NFHS in India?
13. -----is a software designed for the collection, analysis and visualization of spatial data.
14. Which tool has become one of the world's pioneer software programs in the field of qualitative research and the first one to be released in Germany?
15. Which research method studies written or spoken language in relation to its social context?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. How can statistical tools be misused in research?
17. Explain the uses of t-test.

18. Mention any two key features of Analytic Induction.
19. List out the peculiarities of histogram in the graphical representation of data?
20. Differentiate PLA from PRA.
21. Justify the importance of triangulation in qualitative research.
22. Prepare a short note on Non-Probability Sampling?
23. Define attributes and its types.
24. Calculate the median and range of the following dataset:
18, 22, 12, 15, 28, 20
25. Write a short note on convergent parallel design in mixed method.

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Write briefly on the graphical and diagrammatic representation of data.
27. Describe the steps involved in Focus Group Discussion.
28. Illustrate the key features of Post Positivist perspective.
29. How has field research contributed to understanding social phenomena? State your opinion.
30. Find the quartile deviation for the following values:
25, 30, 50, 32, 18, 36, 22, 14, 40, 20, 45
31. Write down the advantages and disadvantages of SPSS.
32. What are the prerequisites of a good questionnaire?
33. Briefly explain the procedure for developing Likert scale.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Define Mixed research and briefly explain the types, importance and limitations of Mixed research design.
35. Analyze the uses and limitations of Statistics in social research.
36. Compare and contrast the key qualitative methods- Thematic and Narrative analysis.
37. Discuss the uses and applications of Digital revolution in social science research methodology and data analysis
38. Critically evaluate the importance of scaling, its bases of formation and the procedure for Scale construction techniques in Social science research
39. Describe briefly on the history and development of Field research in India.

(10X3=30)