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M.A DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, FEBRUARY 2026

Third Semester

M.A Political Science

M23PS10DC – Research Methodology

(2024 July admissions)

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. What is research?
2. What is a research gap?
3. Define Variable.
4. What is a conceptual framework?
5. Define diagnostic research design.
6. What is systematic sampling?
7. What is quota sampling?
8. What is nominal scale?
9. What is a pilot study?
10. Define inferential statistics.
11. What is the principle of non-maleficence?
12. What is coding?
13. What is footnoting?
14. What is anonymity in research?
15. What is paraphrasing?

(1X10=10)

Section B

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

16. What is the meaning of qualitative content analysis?
17. Distinguish population and sample.
18. What are independent variables?

19. Name two features of a good questionnaire.
20. What is an open-ended question?
21. What is SPSS used for in research?
22. What is the importance of ethics on research?
23. What are endnotes?
24. Two functions of a bibliography.
25. What is a case-study method?

(2X5=10)

Section C

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

26. Explain characteristics of a good research problem.
27. Explain components of a conceptual framework.
28. Compare exploratory and diagnostic research designs.
29. What is stratified random sampling and explain merits of stratified random sampling?
30. Explain different uses of secondary sources in narrative vs statistical research.
31. Explain editing and data cleaning with examples.
32. Explain interpretation of data and common errors.
33. Explain APA and MLA citation styles with examples.

(4X5=20)

Section D

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

34. Evaluate the importance of in social science research.
35. Describe basic principle of Research Design.
36. Explain descriptive statistics with an example.
37. Explain the different components of Research Proposal.
38. Discuss qualitative data analysis methods: content analysis, case study, focus group.
39. Discuss referencing, citation styles and plagiarism in research reporting.

(10X3=30)