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Second Semester

M21UC01AC – Foundational Skills for Research and Writing

(2024 July admissions)

THIS IS AN OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION. YOU MAY REFER THE SELF-LEARNING MATERIAL ISSUED TO YOU BY SGOU 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 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. How does providing a bibliography help in maintaining the transparency, credibility, and originality of an academic work?
2. Your research topic is “Role of Social Media in Disaster Management.” How can you use primary and secondary sources to ensure a comprehensive understanding of this topic?
3. Describe the concept of research design in your own words and summarize its key elements.
4. What is the difference between a research objective and a research question? Explain with an example.
5. Explain how literature review contributes to identifying gap in existing knowledge. Provide an example.
6. Suppose you are conducting a research on “Increasing Number of Migrant Workers in Kerala”. Explain how would you conduct a descriptive research on this topic.
7. Prepare an abstract on a topic of your choice with not more than 200 words.
8. Prepare a set of 2 open-ended and 2 closed-ended questions on any one of these topics (Road accidents, Unemployment, Domestic Violence)
9. Ananya submits an article to a journal using parts of her previously published work without citing her earlier paper. When questioned by the editor, she claims it as her own work and doesn't require attribution. Evaluate Ananya's actions.

10. Arrange the reference in the APA and Chicago formatting style.

YouTube Video: "The impact of Social Media on Youth Identity by Ananya Patwardhan in TEDxYouth@CNMS, uploaded on Feb 16, 2024.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxCZOxFt2GE>

(4X5=20)

Section B

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

11. Develop three research objectives for the topic: "Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture".
12. Imagine you are planning an original research study on the causes and impacts of continuous road accidents in Kerala. Outline a qualitative research design you could use for this study and explain why it is appropriate.
13. State whether IPR systems disproportionately benefit large corporations at the expense of small innovators.
14. Explain the difference between convergent and divergent thinking. Provide an example of each type.
15. Discuss three important ethical principles researchers should follow in research involving human participants (eg:- survey, interview).
16. A researcher avoids conducting a literature review while planning a study on Work Life Balance among nurses. Discuss, how this omission might impact the quality and credibility of research outcome.
17. Do open access databases play an important role in modern research? Validate your opinion.

(6X5=30)

Section C

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

18. Prepare a research design for a study focused on any topic that is relevant to your locality.
19. Contrast between basic and applied research in terms of their goals, examples and contributions to the society. Why is it important for both types of research to co-exist in advancing human knowledge?

(20X1=20)