2022

(Held in 2023)

GEOGRAPHY

(Theory Paper)

Paper Code: GGY 303

(Research Methodology)

Full Marks - 80

Pass Marks - 32

Time - Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Multiple choice type Questions:

1. Choose the correct answers:

1×6=6

- (a) A questionnaire is a
 - (i) Method of data collection
 - (ii) Tool of data collection
 - (iii) The technique of data collection
 - (iv) Design of data collection

- (b) The process of 'cleaning' raw data is known as
 - (i) Manipulation (ii) Filtering
 - (iii) Editing (iv) Recording
- (c) In random sampling, the probability of selecting each element in the population is
 - (i) Same
 - (ii) Unequal
 - (iii) Half of the total population
 - (iv) One-third of the total population
- (d) Which one of the following statements is true in the testing of hypotheses?
 - (i) It is only the alternative hypotheses that can be tested
 - (ii) It is only the null hypotheses that can be tested
 - (iii) Both the alternative and the null hypotheses can be tested
 - (iv) Both the alternative and the null hypotheses can not be tested

- (e) What does the longitudinal research approach deal with?
 - (i) Long-term research
 - (ii) Short-term research
 - (iii) Horizontal research
 - (iv) None of the above
- (f) Which one is called non-probability sampling?
 - (i) Quota sampling
 - (ii) Cluster sampling
 - (iii) Systematic sampling
 - (iv) Stratified random sampling.
- 2. Very short answer type questions on any five: $2\times 5=10$
 - (a) Define research.
 - (b) Give two examples of nominal scale variables.
 - (c) Name two probabilistic sampling methods.

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- (d) Name any two methods of data collection.
- (e) What is the purpose of doing research?
- 3. Short answer type questions on any six:

5×6=30

- (a) What are the advantages of using a questionnaire in research?
- (b) What is sampling and why is it necessary in research?
- (c) Describe what random sampling is.
- (d) Explain the essential features of good research.
- (e) How do research objectives enable scientific research?
- (f) Distinguish between the Inductive and Deductive approaches in geographic research.
- (g) How the research problem is formulated?
- (h) What is the importance of methodology in research?
- (i) Explain the need for research in geographical studies.

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4. Answer in brief on any two:

10×2=20

 $14 \times 1 = 14$

- (a) Write a detailed note on plagiarism.
- (b) Elucidate the scale of measurement in research with suitable examples.
- (c) What is a hypothesis of study? Explain its types with examples.
- 5. Answer in brief on any one:
 - (a) Provide a detailed structure of a dissertation.
 - (b) Illustrate the process for scientific research design and elucidate the steps.