

2018
POLITICAL SCIENCE
PSC : 301
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
Full Marks: 80
Time: 3 Hours

1. Answer any two of the following questions: 15X2=30

- (a) What is social science research? Discuss the nature and scope of social science research. 5+10=15
- (b) What are the main slips of scientific research? Develop a research proposal on one of the following topics: 5+10=15
- (i) Insurgency in Assam
- (ii) Status of women
- (iii) Voting behaviour of the students of Political Science, Bodoland University
- (iv) Ethnic conflict and violation of human rights in BTAD
- (c) Why is theory important in scientific research? State the reciprocal relationship between theory and research. 15

2. Answer any two of the following question: 10X2=20

- (a) What is qualitative research? What are the differences between qualitative and quantitative research? 3+7=10
- (b) Define hypothesis. What different sources are tapped in developing hypothesis? Why hypothesis is important in research? 4+4+2=10
- (c) What is the relationship between basic and applied research? Why is basic research important? Do you believe that applied research has taken precedence over basic research? Illustrate. 10
- (d) What is case study? Write the difference between case study and survey method.

3. Answer any four of the following questions:

5X4=20

- (a) The Concept
- (b) Dependent and Independent variable
- (c) Research Design
- (d) Content Analysis
- (e) Primary and Secondary source of data
- (f) Footnoting in research
- (g) Observation/ Questionnaire/Interview
- (h) Sampling method of data collection

4. Answer the following:

2X5=10

- (a) Pre-requisite of research
 - (I) Planning
 - (II) Training
 - (III) Finance
 - (IV) Library
 - (V) All of the above
- (b) Sources of hypothesis
 - (I) General culture
 - (II) Scientific theory
 - (III) Analogies
 - (IV) Personal experience
 - (V) All of the above
- (c) Which one of the following is true about observation?
 - (I) Behaviour is observed in natural surroundings
 - (II) Behaviour is not observed in natural surroundings
 - (III) Behaviour is manipulated
 - (IV) All of the above
- (d) A company has appointed you to conduct the behaviour of consumer. Such research is known as:
 - (I) Pure research
 - (II) Applied research
 - (III) Theoretical research

(IV) None of the above

- (e) Who among the following scholars belong to the school of positivism?

(I) Auguste Comte and J.S. Mill

(II) J.S. Mill and Marx

(III) Auguste Comte and Rajani Kothari

(IV) Frankfurt and Auguste Comte
