

2015

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paper : 301

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer any two of the following: 15x2= 30
- (a) What is Social Science Research? State important characteristics of scientific research. 5+10= 15
- (b) What is the purpose of a research proposal? Develop a research proposal on one of the following topics:
- (i) Violence against women
 - (ii) Ethnic conflict in North East
 - (iii) Women empowerment
- (c) What is sampling? Distinguish between probable and non-probable sampling. 5+10=15

2. Answer any two of the following: $10 \times 2 = 20$

(a) Define research design. Why is research design called "variance control mechanism"? State the various steps of research designing. $2+2+6=10$

(b) How would you define observation? What distinguishes direct observation from indirect observation? What are the advantages and limitations of observation? $2+2+6=10$

(c) What is hypothesis? What are the different ways that researcher use to test hypothesis? $3+7=10$

3. Answer any four of the following: $5 \times 4 = 20$

(a) Descriptive Research

(b) Positivism

(c) Report writing

(d) Focus Group Discussion

(e) Interview

(f) Basic and Applied Research

4. Answer the following: $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) Which among the following schools are critical about positivism?

(i) Subaltern and Post- Modernism

(ii) Frankfurt and Marxist school

(iii) Behaviouralism and Post- Behaviouralism

(b) What is the difference between secondary and primary data?

(c) Company has appointed you to study the behavior of consumer. Such research is known as:

(i) Pure Research

(ii) Theoretical Research

(iii) Applied Research

(iv) Exploratory Research

(d) What is variable?

(e) Questionnaire is used as a tool when:

(i) Very large samples are desired

(ii) Costs have to be kept low

(iii) Moderate response rate is considered satisfactory

(iv) All of the above.

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