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(Held in January/February, 2022)

SOCIOLOGY

(Core)

Paper : C-12

(**Sociological Research Methods—I**)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×8=8

(a) The essential quality of a researcher is

(i) spirit of free enquiry

(ii) systematization of theorizing of knowledge

(iii) reliance on observation and evidence

(iv) All of the above

(b) Objectivity in research implies

(i) exact judgement of truth

(ii) inter-research argument

(iii) findings consistent with reality

(iv) methodological sophistication

(c) The research approach of Max Weber to understand how people create meanings in natural settings is identified as

(i) positive paradigm

(ii) critical paradigm

(iii) natural paradigm

(iv) interpretative paradigm

(d) Which one of the following is an example of non-probability sampling?

(i) Quota sampling

(ii) Cluster sampling

(iii) Systematic sampling

(iv) Stratified random sampling

(e) What do you mean by Unit of Analysis?

(i) Main parameter

(ii) Variables

(iii) Sample

(iv) Constructs

(f) A deductive theory is one that

(i) allows theory to emerge out of the data

(ii) involves testing an explicitly defined hypothesis

- (iii) allows for findings to feedback into the stock of knowledge
 - (iv) uses qualitative methods whenever possible
- (g) Which of the following best describes quantitative research?
- (i) The collection of non-numeric data
 - (ii) An attempt to confirm the researcher's hypothesis
 - (iii) Research that is exploratory
 - (iv) Research that attempts to generate a new theory
- (h) Consider the following statements :
- A. Quantitative research is unstructured.
 - B. Qualitative research flows from specific to general.

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Which of the above statements is/are not correct?

(i) Only (A)

(ii) Only (B)

(iii) Either (A) or (B)

(iv) Neither (A) nor (B)

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following

(within 150 words each) :

4×4=16

(a) Sociological imagination

(b) Problems of objectivity in social research

(c) Reflexivity in research

(d) Comparative methods of social research (Max Weber)

(e) Types of theory

(f) Inductive and deductive logics used in research

(g) Constructionist approach of science

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3. Answer any *four* from the following questions
(within 500 words each) : 14×4=56

(a) What is sociological research? Evaluate sociological research as scientific methods of research. 4+10=14

(b) Discuss the positivist approach as a scientific method used in social research. 14

(c) What is objectivity? Discuss objectivity as explained by Emile Durkheim. 14

(d) Discuss the comparative method as explained by Emile Durkheim. 14

(e) Critically discuss about the approach of feminist method used in social science research. 14

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- (f) What is theory? Discuss the relation between theory and research. 4+10=14
- (g) Differentiate between qualitative research and quantitative research. 14
- (h) Discuss the crisis in western sociology regarding methodological approaches used in social science research. 14

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