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Core Courses - PS010105 - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

2019 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

Weight 1 each.

1. Bring out the significance of Behaviouralism in social research.
2. What do you mean by Philosophy of Science?
3. Elucidate the different categories of Induction.
4. Briefly examine content analysis as a method of research.
5. Explain non-participant observation.
6. Examine the merits of the interview method.
7. What do you mean by a 'concept'? Discuss the importance of concepts in social research.
8. Describe some of the main reasons for writing a literature review.
9. Differentiate between a code book and a code sheet.
10. Distinguish between the variable view and data view of SPSS.

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Weight 2 each.

11. "Feminist Research Methodology is a criticism of the established research paradigms in Social Sciences." Elaborate.
12. Examine the relevance of the Comparative method in Political Science research.
13. Illustrate the steps involved in the process of conducting a survey.
14. What do you mean by research design. Highlight the features of a good research design.





15. Examine the different types of variables in social research.
16. Critically examine the stratified random sampling method. Discuss the basis of stratification that can be used for a sample survey of public opinion on the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.
17. What is central tendency? Examine the commonly used measures of central tendency.
18. Discuss the different styles of referencing generally used in the Social Sciences, with special reference to the APA style.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Weight **5** each.*

19. Examine the problem of objectivity in social research.
20. Bring out the difference between qualitative research and quantitative research.
21. Examine primary and secondary sources of data. Discuss the advantages and limitations of each.
22. "The formulation of the hypothesis is a central step in good research, and it is important to give it a great deal of thought." Examine.

(2×5=10 weightage)

