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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE [REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY]
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS)

Political Science

POL3C09—RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any four questions in a paragraph each.

Each question carries 2 weightages.

1. Distinguish between Dependent and Independent Variables.
2. What do you mean by Inductive Method ?
3. Distinguish between Bibliography and Foot Notes.
4. What is Secondary Data ?
5. What do you mean by Case Study Method ?
6. What is meant by Plagiarism in research ?
7. Distinguish between Pure and Applied Research.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightages)

Section B (Short Essay Questions)

Answer any four questions in about 150 words.

Each question carries 3 weightages.

8. Discuss the question of objectivity Vs subjectivity in social science research.
9. What do you mean by data processing ? Explain its steps.

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10. Discuss the use and importance of hypothesis in research.
11. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research.
12. Discuss the steps involved in an interview.
13. Write a note on various types of research designs.
14. What are the precautions to be taken in the selection and formulation of a research problem ?

(4 × 3 = 12 weightages)

Section C (Essay questions)

Answer any two questions in about 450 words each.

Each question carries 5 weightages.

15. Bring out the importance of Research Design. What are its major components ?
16. Discuss about various probability and non-probability sampling techniques, Explain its importance in social science research.
17. What do you mean by Survey method ? Explain the techniques and process of a social survey.
18. Elucidate the features of a sound Research Report. Explain its components, style and format.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightages)

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[Improvement Candidates need not appear for MCQ Part]

(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

Time : 20 Minutes**Total No. of Questions : 20****Maximum : 5 Weightage**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. The research studies that explore the effect of one thing on another and more specifically, the effect of one variable on another are known as :
 - (A) Causal research.
 - (B) Applied research.
 - (C) Conclusive research.
 - (D) Exploratory research.
2. What is the main role of research in education ?
 - (A) To upsurge one's social status.
 - (B) To increase one's job prospects.
 - (C) To augment one's personal growth.
 - (D) To help an applicant in becoming a renowned educationalist.
3. Tippit table refers to as _____.
 - (A) Table of random digits.
 - (B) The table used in sampling methods.
 - (C) The table used in statistical investigations.
 - (D) All of the above.
4. The format of thesis writing is the same as in :
 - (A) Writing of Seminar representation.
 - (B) Preparation of research paper/article.
 - (C) A research dissertation.
 - (D) Presenting a workshop/conference paper.
5. What is the main aim of interdisciplinary research ?
 - (A) To over simplify the problem of research.
 - (B) To bring out the holistic approach to research.
 - (C) To create a new trend in research methodology.
 - (D) To reduce the emphasis on a single subject in the research domain.

6. A researcher is interested in studying the prospects of a particular political party in an urban area. So, what tool should he prefer for the study ?

(A) Rating Scale. (B) Interview.
(C) Questionnaire. (D) Schedule.

7. Which one is called non-probability sampling ?

(A) Quota sampling. (B) Cluster sampling.
(C) Systematic sampling. (D) Stratified random sampling.

8. What are the core elements of a dissertation ?

(A) Introduction ; Data Collection ; Data Analysis ; Conclusions and Recommendations
(B) Executive Summary ; Literature Review ; Data Gathered ; Conclusions ; Bibliography
(C) Research Plan ; Research Data ; Analysis ; References
(D) Introduction ; Literature Review ; Research Methodology ; Results ; Discussions and Conclusions.

9. The F-test :

(A) Is essentially a two-tailed test.
(B) Is essentially a one-tailed test.
(C) Can be one-tailed as well as two-tailed depending on the hypotheses.
(D) Can never be one tailed test.

10. The process not needed in experimental research is :

(A) Controlling. (B) Observation.
(C) Reference collection. (D) Manipulation and replication.

11. The “Sociogram” technique is used to study _____.

(A) Vocational Interest. (B) Human Relations.
(C) Professional Competence. (D) Achievement Motivation.

12. Fundamental research is otherwise called _____.

(A) Action research. (B) Survey.
(C) Pilot study. (D) Pure research.

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13. Which of the following is the first step in starting the research process ?

- (A) Searching sources of information to locate problem.
- (B) Survey of related literature.
- (C) Identification of problem.
- (D) Searching for solutions to the problem.

14. A reasoning where we start with certain particular statements and conclude with a universal statement is called :

- (A) Deductive Reasoning.
- (B) Inductive Reasoning.
- (C) Abnormal Reasoning.
- (D) Transcendental Reasoning.

15. A research paper is a brief report of research work based on :

- (A) Primary Data only.
- (B) Secondary Data only.
- (C) Both Primary and Secondary Data.
- (D) None of the above.

16. Classification of all types of libraries has been made by _____.

- (A) IFLA.
- (B) UNISIST.
- (C) UNESCO.
- (D) INSDOC.

17. Questionnaire is a :

- (A) Research method.
- (B) Measurement technique.
- (C) Tool for data collection.
- (D) Data analysis technique.

18. 'Noise' in Information Retrieval is due to _____.

- (A) Precision.
- (B) Recall.
- (C) Relevant information.
- (D) Redundant information.

19. Which of the following is not true about e journals ?

- (A) They are distributed through digital methods.
- (B) They also have editors or editorial boards.
- (C) They are publications of serial nature.
- (D) They are always free of cost.

20. If a study is “reliable”, this means that :

- (A) It was conducted by a reputable researcher who can be trusted.
- (B) The measures devised for concepts are stable on different occasions.
- (C) The findings can be generalized to other social settings.
- (D) The methods are stated clearly enough for the research to be replicated.