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**SECOND SEMESTER MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) EXAMINATION,
JULY 2025 (2024 ADMISSIONS)**

SW 525 : SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS

Time 3 hours

Max: 75 Marks

Nos.	Part A: Answer ALL Questions in not less than 50 words. Each carries 2 marks	Course Outcome	Blooms Level	Marks
Q1	State any two objectives of Social Work Research.	CO1	Remember	2
Q2	List two areas where social work research can be applied and briefly state how.	CO1	Understand	2
Q3	Discuss two ethical principles that must be considered when conducting research with vulnerable populations.	CO2	Understand	2
Q4	Mention any two advantages of using a mixed-method research approach.	CO2	Remember	2
Q5	Identify one method (survey, interview, observation) and describe how it can be used to gather information from clients in a rehabilitation centre.	CO3	Understand	2
Q6	Explain what the standard deviation tells you about a data set.	CO4	Understand	2
Q7	Elucidate stratified random sampling. Give one example.	CO3	Understand	2
Q8	Provide a correctly formatted APA 7th edition reference for a journal article.	CO5	Apply	2
Q9	Differentiate positivism and constructivism in one key aspect each.	CO2	Understand	2
Q10	Differentiate between primary and secondary data.	CO3	Understand	2
	Part B : Answer ALL questions in not less than 300 words, choosing between options given within each pair of questions.	Course Outcome	Blooms Level	Marks
Q11.	a) You are studying the impact of remote learning on high school students' academic performance and emotional well-being. Choose an appropriate research design and explain how you would implement it, including ethical considerations. or b) Compare and contrast phenomenological research and grounded theory research in terms of purpose, data collection, and analysis techniques. When would each be most appropriately applied?	CO2	Understand	5

Q12.	<p>a) Compare and examine the effectiveness of focus group discussions (FGDs) versus unstructured interviews for exploring the challenges faced by women entrepreneurs. Which method is more suitable and why?</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Critically assess the use of online data collection methods in large-scale social surveys. Discuss the implications for sample representation, data quality, and participant engagement.</p>	CO3	Analyse	5
Q13	<p>a) Differentiate between parametric and non-parametric statistical tests, citing examples of their use in social-work research.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Compare descriptive and inferential statistics in terms of purpose and application, using examples from community-based studies.</p>	CO 4	Understand	5
Q14	<p>a) Discuss key ethical issues encountered when collecting data online from survivors of intimate-partner violence.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Explain the major components of a well-structured research report.</p>	CO5	Understand	5
Q15	<p>a) Design a sample informed consent form for participants in a study on workplace stress.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Develop a checklist for ensuring academic integrity while writing a research report.</p>	CO 5	Create	5
	Part C: Answer ALL questions in not less than 850 words, choosing between the options given within each pair of questions.	Course Outcome	Blooms Level	Marks
Q16	<p>a) Develop a mixed-method research proposal to examine how microfinance programmes influence women's economic empowerment in rural Kerala.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Formulate a quantitative research proposal to investigate predictors of academic burnout among social-work students and outline an intervention plan based on anticipated findings.</p>	CO 1	Create	15
Q17	<p>a) Discuss the steps involved in qualitative data analysis. Illustrate how thematic analysis is conducted and explain how software tools like NVivo or Dedoose can enhance the process of qualitative analysis.</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) Compare and contrast parametric and non-parametric statistical tests used in social work research. Explain with suitable examples when to use Pearson's correlation, Chi-square test, t-test, and ANOVA.</p>	CO4	Understand	15