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Branch : SOCIOLOGY

SO 214 : Social Research Methods – I

(2013 Admn. Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

PART – A

Define or explain **all** the following in not more than **50** words **each** : **(10×2=20 Marks)**

1. Social survey.
2. Reliability.
3. Critical research.
4. Longitudinal research.
5. Data interpretation.
6. Research process.
7. Hypothesis.
8. Bibliography.
9. Participant observation.
10. Primary data.

PART – B

Answer **any five** questions in not more than **250** words **each** : **(5×5=25 Marks)**

11. Explain the criteria of a good research report.
12. What is literature review ?

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13. Briefly explain the types of validity.
14. What is sampling ? Explain probability sampling.
15. Examine the relation between theory and research.
16. Explain research as a cyclical process.
17. What is positivism in research ?
18. Distinguish between quantitative research and qualitative research. Substantiate your answer with suitable examples.

PART – C

Answer **any two** questions in not more than **1200** words **each** : **(2×15=30 Marks)**

19. Explain the Paradigms of research bringing out the differences between them.
 20. Explain the significance of validity, reliability and representativeness in research with suitable examples.
 21. Write an essay on the basic research designs. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
 22. Distinguish between primary and secondary data and explain the advantages and disadvantages of each.
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