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**First Semester M.A. Sociology Degree Examination, February 2010**  
**(New Scheme – 2008 Admn.)**  
**SO 214 : SOCIAL RESEARCH**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

PART – A

(10×1.5=15 Marks)

Answer **all** questions. **Each** answer is to be approximately **half** a page.

Define the following :

1. Theory
2. Social Research
3. Comparative Design
4. Sampling Technique
5. Ethnography
6. Content analysis
7. Scientific method
8. Purposive sampling
9. Qualitative research
10. Reliability.

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## PART – B

(2×6=12 Marks)

Answer **two** questions from **any two** different sets in **not** more than **600** words each.

11. Explain the characteristics of scientific method.

OR

Compare inductive and deductive methods.

12. Describe the types of research.

OR

Analyse the guiding considerations for the selection of research problem.

13. Bringout the limitations of case study.

OR

Elucidate the merits of experimental design.

14. Explain the significance of interview-guide.

OR

Discuss the procedures of data processing and analysis in social research.

## PART – C

(2×24=48 Marks)

Answer **any two** questions in **not** more than **1200** words each.

15. Examine the ethical issues involved in social research.

16. Analyse the factors to be considered in the formulation of research problem.

17. Explain the reliability and validity of quantitative methods.

18. Describe the methods and techniques of qualitative research.
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