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First Semester M.A. Degree Examination, January 2008
Branch : SOCIOLOGY
(2007 Onwards)
SO 2.1.4 : Social Research

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

Instructions : 1) Answer any 5 questions. Each answer carries 15 marks.
2) Each answer should be limited to 1000 words.

1. Elucidate the importance of Theory, Concepts and Models in Social Research.
 2. Discuss the problem of Objectivity and Value neutrality in Social Sciences.
 3. Distinguish between Social Research, Action Research and Participatory Research.
 4. Explain Research Process with a suitable example.
 5. Write an essay on the Comparative Method, drawing upon the classical studies of Emile Durkheim and Max Weber.
 6. What is Fieldwork ? Compare and contrast the Quantitative and Qualitative methods of Data collection.
 7. What are the practical and ethical issues involved in Participant Observation ? Discuss the merits and demerits of Participant Observation as a research technique.
 8. What are the salient features of a good Research Report ?
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