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**First Semester M.A. Degree Examination, January 2012**  
**SOCIOLOGY**  
**SO 214 – Social Research**  
**(2008 Admissions)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

**PART – A**

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

Define the following :

1. Scientific method.
2. Value neutrality.
3. Applied research.
4. Longitudinal study.
5. Measurement strategy.
6. Validity.
7. Sampling.
8. Focus group.
9. Interview schedule.
10. Oral history.

**(10×1.5=15 Marks)**

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## PART – B.

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

11. Define social research and discuss the ethical issues in social research.

OR

Explain inductive and deductive methods in research.

12. Define research design and explain cross sectional research design.

OR

Write a note on case study method.

13. Explain the term 'Hypothesis'.

OR

Discuss the factors to be taken into consideration while selecting a research problem.

14. Give a brief account on 'qualitative research techniques'.

OR

Explain the procedure of forming and processing of qualitative data. **(2×6=12 Marks)**

## PART – C

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

15. Explain the steps in social research.

16. Discuss in detail about the reliability and validity of Quantitative Research Methods.

17. Explain the relationship between theory and research.

18. What are the points to be kept in mind while writing a research report ?

**(2×24=48 Marks)**