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Branch : Sociology

SO 2.1.4 : SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS – I

(2013 Admission 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. Research paradigm
2. Basic research
3. Case study
4. Research design
5. Documentary research
6. Triangulation
7. Focus group discussion
8. Longitudinal surveys
9. Questionnaire
10. Secondary data.

PART – B

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

11. Discuss the steps in research.
12. Bring out the relation between sociological theory and research.
13. What are the elements of a research problem ?
14. Explain data interpretation.

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15. Examine the qualities of a good research.
16. Discuss the difference between survey and experimental research.
17. Distinguish between dependent and independent variables with suitable examples.
18. Briefly explain the basic research designs.

PART – C

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

19. What are the criteria for selecting a research problem ?
20. Compare and contrast quantitative and qualitative research methods.
21. What is report writing ? What are the characteristics of a good research report ?
22. Write an essay on survey research.