

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2017
(Fourth Semester)

Branch - **SOCIOLOGY**

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time : Three Hours

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Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION-A (20 Marks!)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks (10 x 2 = 20)

- 1 Define Science.
- 2 What is Research?
- 3 Define Hypothesis.
- 4 What is probability sampling?
- 5 Define social survey.
- 6 Mention the important sources of data.
- 7 Define case study.
- 8 What is Indexing?
- 9 Define Research design.
- 10 What do you mean by classification of data?

SECTION - B (25 Marks)

Answer **ALL** Questions

ALL Questions Carry **EQUAL** Marks (5 x 5 = 25)

- 11 a Compare the differences between Historical method and Comparative methods.
OR
b Explain the values and limitations of Sociology as a science.
- 12 a Discuss the various types of social survey.
OR
b Bring out the important characteristics of a testable hypothesis.
- 13 a Explain the features of a good research design. '
OR
b Write a note on Non-probability sampling.
- 14 a Discuss the importance of projective technique in social research.
OR
b Elucidate the merits and demerits of observation.
- 15 a Define tabulation. Discuss the different types of tables used in social science.
OR
b Discuss the importance of bibliography.

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer any **THREE** Questions

ALL Questions Carry **EQUAL** Marks (3 x 10 = 30)

- 16 What is scientific method? Describe the important steps of scientific method.
- 17 Discuss the utility of social surveys in a developing country like India.
- 18 Explain the importance of Exploratory design in social science.
- 19 Point out the requirements of a good questionnaire and mention the process of its preparation.
- 20 Explain the various stages of preparation of research report.