

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025
(First Semester)**

Branch - ECONOMICS

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	Which of the following is not a goal of social science research? a. To describe social phenomena b. To predict social outcomes c. To influence public policy d. To sell products to consumers	K1	CO1
	2	Show- In the Actors approach, the _____ data method is based on phenomena rather than on subjects. a. Observation b. Primary c. Secondary d. Qualitative	K2	CO1
2	3	Recall - Focus Group discussion is a _____ research technique. a. Qualitative b. Quantitative c. Experimental d. Descriptive	K1	CO2
	4	Infer - When a fixed list of questions is administered to all the participants in the same order, it is known as _____. a. Structured Interview b. Summative Interview c. Formative Interview d. Fixed Question Interview	K2	CO2
3	5	Find - SPSS is a software used for _____ in research. a. Literature Review b. Data Collection c. Data Analysis d. Objectives	K1	CO3
	6	Explain the Mixed methods research combines elements of quantitative research and qualitative research in order to answer the _____. a. Hypothesis b. Research Question c. Methodology of the Research d. Statement of the problem	K2	CO3

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4	7	Recall – A Null Hypothesis is _____ a. Subjective in nature b. Same as research hypothesis c. When there is no difference between the variables d. When there is a difference between the variables	K1	CO4
	8	Interpret – A researcher fails to reject the Null Hypothesis (HO), what implications will it carry for principal research hypothesis? a. Accepting the research hypothesis b. Rejecting the research hypothesis c. Not taking any decision on the hypothesis d. Improving the research hypothesis	K2	CO4
5	9	Tell – Researchers, while writing review, often use the abbreviation “et.al.”. It means _____ a. And others b. Extra alternate c. At the end d. And alternatively	K1	CO5
	10	Explain the method which is not a type of research report. a. Thesis / Dissertation b. Research paper c. Text book of a subject d. Seminar / Conference research paper	K2	CO5

SECTION – B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Identify the Criteria of a Good Research.	K3	CO1
		(OR)		
2	11.b.	Develop the Objectives of Social Science Research.	K3	CO2
	12.a.	Select – Focus Group Discussion.		
3		(OR)	K4	CO3
	12.b.	Organize – Census Method.		
4	13.a.	Examine the uses of SEM in Research.	K4	CO4
		(OR)		
5	13.b.	Analyze the Importance of SPSS in Research.	K5	CO5
	14.a.	Examine – Testing and Interpretation of Results.		
		(OR)	K5	CO5
	14.b.	Categorize the Six Steps in Hypothesis Testing.		
	15.a.	Assess the use of the Preparation of the Project Proposal.	K5	CO5
		(OR)		
	15.b.	Support the Layout of the Research Report.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Assume – Linking Theoretical Issues with Research Methodology.	K4	CO1
2	17	List the Types of Sampling.	K4	CO2
3	18	Compare the Qualitative and Mixed Research Methods.	K4	CO3
4	19	Explain the Choice of Econometric Model for Testing Hypothesis.	K5	CO4
5	20	Interpret the Mechanism of Writing Research Report.	K5	CO5