

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE**  
(AUTONOMOUS)  
**BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2019**  
(Fourth Semester)

Branch- **SOCIOLOGY**

**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

**SECTION-A (20 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

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

- 1 What do you understand by research method?
- 2 Put forth the meaning of historical research.
- 3 Define social survey.
- 4 What is hypothesis?
- 5 Mention the meaning of exploratory' research design.
- 6 Identify the major types of non-probability sampling method.
- 7 What do you mean by primary' data?
- 8 What is an interview schedule?
- 9 List the types of tables.
- 10 Pin point any two merits of index in the scientific writing.

**SECTION - B (25 Marks!)**

Answer ALL Questions

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

- 11 a Discuss the problems in applications of scientific procedure, in sociology.  
OR  
b Explain the features comparative method of research.
- 12 a Highlight the major steps in social research.  
OR  
b Identify the factors to be considered while formulating a research problem.
- 13 a Elucidate the characteristic features of descriptive design.  
OR  
b Bring out the merits and demerits of sampling method.
- 14 a Enumerate the sources of secondary data in sociological research.  
OR  
b Write a note on projective techniques.
- 15 a Explain different types of classification of data.  
OR  
b Give a brief note on bibliography.

**SECTION - C (30 Marks)**

Answer any THREE Questions

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

- 16 Discuss the important features of scientific method with suitable examples.
- 17 How do you formulate a good hypothesis? Narrate the characteristics of testable hypothesis.
- 18 What are the probability sampling methods? Discuss the merits and demerits of each one of them.
- 19 What do you mean observation? Describe its types and utility as method of data collection in social science research.
- 20 Elaborate various steps involved in preparation of report.