



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION - MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.**

**THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2013**

**SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS**

Date : 02/05/2013  
Time : 1:00 - 4:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**Part-A**

**Answer ALL the following questions in 30 words each :**

(10 x 2=20 marks)

1. Write a short note on the principle objective of research.
2. Mention the significance of survey of literature in research process.
3. What are factors that motivate scholars to take up research?
4. Differentiate ideographic method of research from nomothetic method.
5. Define interview according to Bandarkar.
6. Based on your experience of a rural camp, propose two relevant topics for Field Research.
7. Mention some prerequisites for the successful collection of data through participant Observation.
8. What is the meaning of “hypothesis” ?
9. State the two major assumptions of Life History Method of research.
10. Mention any two advantages of Physical Traces Method of study.

**Part-B**

**Answer any FIVE of the following questions in 300 words each :**

(5 x 8=40 marks)

11. Can sociological findings be value free-Discuss?
12. Explicate with examples the nature and the significance of the unobtrusive method of research.
13. Critically evaluate the content analysis as a method of research.
14. Explain the different roles that a researcher can play during Participant observation.
15. Discuss the various types of interviews.
16. Elucidate the problem of validity in Life History Method of study.
17. Expound the limitations of Physical Trace method of research.

**Part-C**

**Answer any TWO of the following questions in 1200 words each :**

(2x20=40 marks)

18. Write an essay on the interplay between theory and research.
19. Highlight the significance of the preparatory steps for the successful conduct of Field Research.
20. Explicate the advantages and disadvantages of the data collection through the Interview technique.
21. Examine the primary sources of data for Life History Method of research.

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