



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

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY**

**THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2014**

**SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS**

Date : 03/04/2014  
Time : 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

**SECTION-A**

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

**(10×2=20)**

1. Define social research.
2. What is hypothesis?
3. Mention any two relevance of theory in social science research.
4. What do you mean by a field research?
5. Write a short note on participant observation method.
6. Define life history method.
7. Define sampling.
8. What is induction in research?
9. Differentiate between variables and constructs.
10. State the meaning of natural accretion method.

**SECTION-B**

**Answer any Five of the following in about 300 words each:**

**(5×8=40)**

11. Write a brief note on sampling techniques.
12. What are the difficulties faced by the researcher in conducting a field research?
13. How to make sense of accretions and decrections in qualitative research?
14. What is field research and how it is helpful in doing a research?
15. What is the role of an interviewer in collecting the research data?
16. Enumerate the fundamental concepts in social science research.
17. Write a brief note on sufficient causes and errors in reasoning.

**SECTION – C**

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

**(2×20=40)**

18. Analyze the link between theory and research.
19. Examine the role of participant observation and content analysis method in doing a research.
20. Discuss the strength and weakness of the case study method.
21. Present a detailed description about life history method.

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