

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2007

SO 1807 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

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Date : 05/11/2007

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time : 1:00 - 4:00

PART –A

Answer the following questions in 30 words each.

(10x2=20 marks)

1. What are the two major types of variables?
2. What is the significance of research design?
3. How does ideographic method differ from nomothetic method of study?
4. What are the assumptions of the interview technique of data collection?
5. Define “field research”.
6. Propose four research topics based on current social themes.
7. Distinguish conceptual analysis from relational analysis.
8. Write a note on sampling in content analysis.
9. What are the two levels that coding could be done in content analysis?
10. What are the two dimensions that account for no comparability among life history investigators?

PART B

Answer any FIVE questions in about 300 words each.

(5 x 8=40 marks)

11. Explain unobtrusive research with two examples.
12. How do constructs differ from concepts?
13. What is the relationship between theory and method?
14. What are the precautions that a researcher should take before finalizing his research topic?
15. Explain the problem of validity in participant observation.
16. Critically evaluate the strength and weakness of Content analysis.
17. How to make sense of accretions and decrections in Physical Traces method of study?

PART C

Answer any TWO questions in about 1200 words each.

(2 x 20=40 Marks)

18. Write an essay on the reciprocal relationship between theory and research.
 19. What are the advantages and disadvantages of data collection through interview technique?
 20. Explain different types of observer roles and steps in Participant Observation.
 21. Define Physical Traces method of study? Explain natural accretions and decrections and controlled accretion and decrction measures in Physical Traces method of study.
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