

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

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2009

**SO 3806 - QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS**

Date & Time: 03/11/2009 / 9:00 - 12:00 Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

**PART-A**

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

(10 x 2=20 marks)

1. How does Kothari define research?
2. What is the place of hypothesis in social science research?
3. Why prediction is not perfect in social science as it could be in natural science?
4. How does ideographic method of research differ from nomothetic method?
5. How does Bhandarkar define “interview”?
6. In today’s Indian context, suggest two relevant topics for Field Research.
7. Write a short note on the problems of validity in Participant Observation.
8. Define content analysis.
9. What are the two types of measures of traces?
10. Indicate any two towering personalities at the Indian national level on whom Life History method of research could be conducted to understand the historical context of his/her time.

**PART-B**

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

(5 x 8=40 marks)

11. Explain the link between validity and reliability in social science research.
12. Explain with examples the unobtrusive method of research.
13. What are the advantages and disadvantages of data collection through interview technique?
14. What are the different types of researcher’s roles in Participant observation?
15. Discuss the various types of content analysis.
16. What are the assumptions of Life History Method of study?
17. Explain the natural accretions and decrements in Physical Trace method of study.

**PART-C**

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

(2x20=40 marks)

18. How do theory and research interact and enrich each other?
19. Discuss the prerequisites to make Field Research successful.
20. What are the merits and demerits of content analysis?
21. Highlight the significant sources of data for Life History Method of research.

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