

Entrance Examinations - 2024
Ph.D. Regional Studies

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 2 Hours

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General Instructions :

Please read the following instructions carefully before answering.

1. Write your Hall Ticket Number in the OMR Answer Sheet and a separate answer book given to you. Also write the Hall Ticket Number in the space provided above.
2. This question paper consists of Two Parts – Part ‘A’ and Part ‘B’. Part-A for 35 marks consists of 35 Multiple Choice Questions in Research Methodology and Part B for 35 marks with descriptive questions on the subject concerned.
3. Answers for Part-A must be marked on the OMR answer sheet following the instructions provided thereupon.
4. Part-B consists of descriptive type questions for 35 marks and to be answered in a separate answer book provided.
5. Hand over the OMR answer sheet and the Answer Book of Part ‘B’ at the end of the examination to the Invigilator.
6. **There is no negative marking.**
7. Candidates must answer all the descriptive type questions in one answer book provided to them. No additional sheets will be provided. Rough work can be done in the question paper itself.

Part-A: Multiple Choice Questions in Research Methodology**Marks: 35****Select the correct answer.**

1. A research design in which the researcher manipulates one or more independent variables to observe their effect on a dependent variable is called
 - (A) Descriptive research
 - (B) Correlational research
 - (C) Experimental research
 - (D) Case study research

2. Bibliography given in a research report
 - (A) Shows vast knowledge of the researcher
 - (B) Helps in networking for further research
 - (C) Has no relevance to research
 - (D) Shows the theoretical inputs in the research

3. The process of checking the consistency of a measuring instrument is known as
 - (A) Validity
 - (B) Generalizability
 - (C) Objectivity
 - (D) Reliability

4. What is the term used to describe the process of identifying patterns and themes in qualitative data?
 - (A) Coding
 - (B) Triangulation
 - (C) Saturation
 - (D) Generalization

5. The experience of observing and discovering an unanticipated, or an anomalous insight from the field which may become an occasion to positively develop research is called
 - (A) Expedition
 - (B) Corroboration
 - (C) Serendipity
 - (D) Innovation

6. Narratives of subjects in research are usually associated with the following
 - (A) Archival Research
 - (B) Survey Research
 - (C) Ethnographic Research
 - (D) Content Analysis

7. Who among the following is closely associated with positivist tradition
 - (A) Michel Foucault
 - (B) Wilhelm Dilthey
 - (C) Max Weber
 - (D) Emile Durkheim

8. Who among the following is known as a scholar in the field of 'discursive tradition'?
- (A) Jürgen Habermas
 - (B) Talal Asad
 - (C) Charles Taylor
 - (D) Amartya Sen
9. A null hypothesis is
- (A) when there is no difference between the variables
 - (B) the same as research hypothesis
 - (C) subjective in nature
 - (D) when there is difference between the variables
10. Which of the following is NOT associated with qualitative research?
- (A) Statistics
 - (B) Phenomenology
 - (C) Ethnography
 - (D) Grounded theory
11. Which of the following is a common primary data in historical research?
- (A) Interviews
 - (B) Survey
 - (C) Archival Sources
 - (D) Observation
12. Which among the following is an example of a reflexive Approach in Social Science Research?
- (A) A researcher sensitizing their subjects on the social problem under investigation
 - (B) A researcher finding solutions and submitting report to the government the social problem
 - (C) A researcher using mixed method to the study the social problem
 - (D) A researcher detaching from the subjects while studying a social problem
13. Consider the following statements.
1. Ethnographic research is primarily concerned about knowing the world from the standpoint of its social relations.
 2. Description, meaning making, interpretation, and everyday life are primary concerns that make research ethnographic.
- In light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options below.
- (A) Both statements 1 and 2 are true.
 - (B) Both statements 1 and 2 are false.
 - (C) Statement 1 is incorrect, but statement 2 is true.
 - (D) Statement 1 is correct, but statement 2 is false.

14. Match the terms in Column A with descriptions in Column B.

<u>Column A (Terms)</u>	<u>Column B (Descriptions)</u>
1) Phenomenology	I. Objective understanding of the social world
2) Positivism	II. Conversations that construct commonsense view of the world
3) Ethnomethodology	III. Focuses on Actions, Interactions and Communication
4) Symbolic Interactionism	IV. Deals with philosophy of experience

Which of the pairs given below is correctly matched?

- (A) 1-III 2-IV 3-II 4-I
 (B) 1-IV 2-III 3-II 4-I
 (C) 1-IV 2-I 3-II 4-III
 (D) 1-III 2-IV 3-I 4-II

15. Match the Authors in Column A with the concepts/ideas associated in Column B.

<u>Column A (Authors)</u>	<u>Column B (Concepts/Ideas)</u>
1) Antonio Gramsci	I. Biopolitics
2) Luis Althusser	II. Bare Life
3) Michel Foucault	III. Ideological State Apparatus
4) Giorgio Agamben	IV. Hegemony

Which of the pairs given below is correctly matched?

- (A) 1-I 2-II 3-III 4-IV
 (B) 1-IV 2-III 3-I 4-II
 (C) 1-III 2-I 3-IV 4-II
 (D) 1-II 2-III 3-I 4-IV

16. Which of the following is not a characteristic of subaltern approach to the study of Indian nationalism?

- (A) History from below
 (B) Critique of the elite historiography
 (C) Focus on mass movements and insurgencies
 (D) Focus on the achievements of nationalist leaders

17. Who among the following has written the book - 'An Outline of a Theory of Practice'?

- (A) Anthony Giddens
 (B) Pierre Bourdieu
 (C) Theodor W. Adorno
 (D) Karl Marx

18. Which of the following is not a perspective employed in the study of caste system in India?

- (A) Structuralism
 (B) Functionalism
 (C) Marxism
 (D) Ethnocentrism

19. Which among the following is not an ethical concern in social research?
- (A) Consent of the participants in research
 - (B) Anonymity of the subjects in the field
 - (C) Impact of research in the life of people under study
 - (D) Infrastructural convenience of the researcher during the field work
20. Which of the following statements on data are associated with Qualitative Analysis?
- I) Interpretive text studies
 - II) Turning words into numbers
 - III) Statistical and Mathematical analysis of numeric data
 - IV) Search for and presentation of meaning in results of quantitative processing
- (A) I and II
 - (B) I and III
 - (C) I and IV
 - (D) II and IV
21. With which of the general aims given below, the Goals of Qualitative research is associated?
- I) Exploration
 - II) Description
 - III) Comparison
 - IV) Testing Models
- (A) I, II, and III
 - (B) II, III, and IV
 - (C) I, III, and IV
 - (D) I, II, III, and IV
22. In which forms Qualitative Data may come about?
- I) Physical Objects
 - II) Sounds
 - III) Still Images
 - IV) Texts
 - V) Moving Images: Video
- (A) I, II, and IV
 - (B) II, III, and V
 - (C) II, IV, and V
 - (D) I, II, III, IV, and V
23. Which of the following is NOT part of the taxonomy of Elicitation methods?
- (A) Archival Data
 - (B) Unstructured interviews
 - (C) Structured interviews
 - (D) Semi-structured interviews

24. Which of the following statements describe purposes of case-studies?
- I) Are end-products of field-oriented research
 - II) Research Strategy for developing comprehensive understanding of groups under study
 - III) Way to develop general theoretical statements about regularities in social structure and process
 - IV) To guise as a whole.

- (A) I, II, and III
- (B) I, II, and IV
- (C) II, III, and IV
- (D) I, III, and IV

25. According to Qualitative Researchers, triangulation is NOT:
- (A) a tool or a strategy of validation
 - (B) form of, or an alternative to validation
 - (C) about use of multiple methods
 - (D) about securing an in-depth understanding of the phenomenon in question

26. Which one of the following statements represent the unique characteristics that are inherent in the design of qualitative research?
- I) Theory or hypotheses are not established *a priori*
 - II) Researcher is the primary instrument in data collection rather than some inanimate mechanism
 - III) Idiographic interpretation is utilized.
 - IV) Attempt is to understand one reality rather than multiple realities.

- (A) I, II, and III
- (B) I, II, and IV
- (C) II, III, and IV
- (D) I, III, and IV

27. Consider the following statement.

Through the careful design of data collection, the researcher attempts to eliminate bias and to select representative sample from the population. Further, one also establishes "cause and effect," besides validity and reliability of results become important.

With which of the following methodology will you associate the above statement?

- (A) Positivism
- (B) Phenomenological
- (C) Critical Inquiry
- (D) Postmodernism

28. Which of the following principal strategies are available to social sciences?
- I) Experiments
 - II) Surveys
 - III) Field research
 - IV) Use of Available data
- (A) I, II, and III
(B) I, III, and IV
(C) II, III, and IV
(D) I, II, III, and IV
29. To qualify as scientific knowledge, the answers must take a form, a form that meets the requirements of which of the following:
- I) Description
 - II) Explanation
 - III) Prediction
 - IV) Understanding
- (A) I, II, and III
(B) II, III, and IV
(C) I, III, and IV
(D) I, II, III, and IV
30. In one model of science, there is a common process of justification, and a common set of standards that all scientists follow in generating and assessing the evidence upon which theories are based. Identify the key principles underlying this process from the following.
- I) Empiricism
 - II) Objectivity
 - III) Control
 - IV) Tentative knowledge
- (A) I, II, and III
(B) I, III, and IV
(C) II, III, and IV
(D) I, II, III, and IV
31. Identify Ethical principles of research from the following:
- I) Avoid Physical harm
 - II) Obtain Informed consent
 - III) Identify the sponsor who funded the research
 - IV) Requesting an evaluation study after a decision on a program has been made.
- (A) I, II, and III
(B) I, III, and IV
(C) II, III, and IV
(D) I, II, and IV

32. Internal Validity is related to

- (A) Causality
- (B) Naturalism
- (C) Duplication
- (D) Generalizability

33. Consider the following examples.

1. If Sitaram belongs to the Union, then she votes Democratic.
Sitaram belongs to the Union.
Therefore, Sitaram votes Democratic.
2. Sanjay, Divya, and Swetha, who all are union members, vote Democratic.
Therefore, all union members vote Democratic.

Which of the following is represented by the above examples?

- (A) Statement 1 and 2 present a deductive argument
- (B) Statement 1 and 2 present an inductive argument
- (C) Statement 1 and 2 present deductive and inductive argument respectively
- (D) Statement 1 and 2 are inconsistent, and hence arguments cannot be discerned

34. For which of the following reasons literature is reviewed?

- I) To demonstrate familiarity with a body of knowledge and establish credibility
- II) To show the path of prior research and how a current project is linked to it
- III) To integrate and summarize what is known in an area
- IV) To learn from others and stimulate new ideas

- (A) I, II, and IV
- (B) I, III, and IV
- (C) II, III, and IV
- (D) I, II, III, and IV

35. Choose among the statements given below-What is meant by 'informed consent'?

- I) Participants are informed about the findings of the research at the end of the project
- II) Participants are given explicit indication what the research is about and what their involvement would entail
- III) A guarantee of anonymity and the confidentiality of records
- IV) A statement that participation is completely voluntary and can be terminated at any time without penalty.

- (A) I, II, and III
- (B) I, III, and IV
- (C) II, III, and IV
- (D) I, II, and IV

Part-B: Descriptive Questions in Subject Concerned

Marks: 35

Instructions:

- Your answers are expected to be coherent and must include examples.
 - Write your arguments clearly, and cite literature that you may have read in your courses at the Master's level.
 - Write your hall ticket number on the answer book.
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I. Answer any TWO essay questions from the following

10X2=20

1. Analyse how internal migration reproduces new forms of inequalities in urban India?
2. Discuss the need for a regional understanding of disasters.
3. What major legal initiatives does the state take to address discrimination against Scheduled Tribes?
4. Does the idea of region counteract claims of universalization? Discuss your position.

II. Answer briefly any THREE from the following

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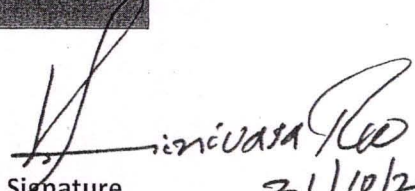
5. Intersectionality
6. Biometric and citizenship
7. Orientalist construction of India
8. Environmental Justice
9. Settler Colonialism
10. Urban space

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Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	C	26	A
2	D	27	A
3	D	28	A
4	A	29	D
5	C	30	D
6	B	31	A
7	D	32	A
8	B	33	C
9	A	34	D
10	A	35	C
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25	A		

Note/Remarks : Nil


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