

Entrance Examinations - 2026
Ph.D. Regional Studies

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 2 Hours

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the following instructions carefully before answering.

- * 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.
- * This question paper consists of Two Parts – Part ‘A’ and Part ‘B’. Part-A for 35 marks consists of 35 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) in Research Methodology and Part B for 35 marks with descriptive questions on the subject concerned.
- * **There is no negative marking.**
- * Answers for Part-A must be marked on the OMR answer sheet following the instructions provided thereupon.
- * Part-B consists of descriptive type questions for 35 marks and to be answered in a separate answer book provided.
- * Hand over the OMR answer sheet of Part-A and the Answer Book of Part -B at the end of the examination to the Invigilator.
- * No additional sheets will be provided. Rough work can be done in the question paper itself/space provided at the end of the booklet.

Part-A: Multiple Choice Questions in Research Methodology**Marks: 35****Select the correct answer.****35X1=35**

1. Which of the following methods is used in exclusive quantitative research on poverty in a region?
- 1) Narratives
 - 2) Memories
 - 3) Household survey
 - 4) Statistics

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4
(B) 1, 2 and 3
(C) 1, 3 and 4
(D) 3 and 4

2. Which of the following research is primarily concerned with the meaning and experience of subjects under study?
- (A) Ethnographic Research
(B) Action research
(C) Survey research
(D) Experimental research
3. General features of fieldwork activities in qualitative research include the following.
- 1) A relatively large number of respondents in a locality or in multiple sites
 - 2) Observation and interviews with people
 - 3) Computerised analysis of data
 - 4) Literature review

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) 1 and 2
(B) 1, 2 and 4
(C) 1, 3 and 4
(D) 2, 3 and 4

4. What does the qualitative research indicate?
- (A) Interpretive nature of research
(B) Field work-based research
(C) Subjective understanding of the social world
(D) All of the above
5. The study in which the investigators attempt to recover the history from below is known as
- (A) Marxist approach
(B) Structuralist approach
(C) Subaltern approach
(D) Functionalist approach

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

<u>Column A (Terms)</u>	<u>Column B (Descriptions)</u>
1) Orientalism	I. Reality as objective and external
2) Positivism	II. Reality is subjective and contextual
3) Interpretivism	III. Superiority of one's own culture
4) Ethnocentrism	IV. Epistemological superiority of the West

Which of the pairs given below is correctly matched?

- (A) 1-III 2-IV 3-II 4-I
 (B) 1-IV 2-I 3-II 4-III
 (C) 1-IV 2-I 3-III 4-II
 (D) 1-III 2-IV 3-I 4-II
7. Which of the following scholars is not associated with the positivist tradition?
 (A) Max Weber
 (B) Émile Durkheim
 (C) Wilhelm Dilthey
 (D) Alfred Schutz
8. Identify the stratified sampling procedures from the following:
 1) Define the population and strata
 2) Divide the population
 3) Arbitrary sub-grouping
 4) Determine Sample Size
 5) Calculate proportional allocation
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (A) 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
 (B) 2, 3 and 4 only
 (C) 2, 4 and 5 only
 (D) 3, 4 and 5 only
9. Memories of partition violence in India are studied through
 (A) Newspaper reports
 (B) Survey of partition sites
 (C) Oral history
 (D) Observation
10. Which of the following is the most recent ethical challenge in research publication?
 (A) Predatory journals
 (B) Plagiarising ideas from published works
 (C) AI-based plagiarism
 (D) Academic bias among publishers
11. The framing of caste as a colonial construction is an example of
 (A) Structuralist framework
 (B) Orientalism
 (C) Subaltern Framework
 (D) Postcolonial Perspective

12. Consider the following statements.

- 1) The nature of reality is internal to the human mind.
- 2) The focus is on subjective reality.
- 3) The purpose of research is to find contextual reality.
- 4) The preferred method is ethnography

Which of the following approaches is present in the above statements?

- (A) Positivism
- (B) Orientalism
- (C) Interpretivism
- (D) Experimental approach

13. The term 'phenomenology' is associated with...

- (A) Quantitative research
- (B) Qualitative research
- (C) Experimental Study
- (D) Action research

14. 'Key informants' is associated with...

- (A) Field Work
- (B) Archival research
- (C) Content Analysis
- (D) Review of Literature

15. Match the terms in Column A with scholars in Column B.

<u>Column A (Terms)</u>	<u>Column B (Descriptions)</u>
1) Genealogical Analysis	I. Michel Foucault
2) Communicative Rationality	II. Karl Marx
3) Deconstruction	III. Jacques Deridda
4) Dialectical Materialism	IV. Jürgen Habermas

Which of the pairs given below is correctly matched?

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

16. Intersectionality as an approach is supported by which of the statements given below:

- 1) By taking a statistical analysis.
- 2) By taking complex layers of identities and experience.
- 3) By taking political economy.
- 4) By taking micro aspects of society.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) 1 and 2
- (B) 2 Only
- (C) 3 and 4
- (D) 2 and 4

17. Which of the following relates to the black feminist research position?
- Outsider view
 - Class position
 - Intersectionality
 - Phenomenology
18. Which of the following is not an example of the predominant approaches used to study the caste system in India?
- Post-Marxist framework of Ernesto Laclau
 - Structural Functionalism of MN Srinivas
 - Subaltern Perspective of BR Ambedkar
 - Structuralist Perspective of Luis Dumont
19. Match the information in Column A with Column B
- | <u>Column A - Type of Question</u> | <u>Column B - Type of Research</u> |
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| 1) Addressees "What" question | I. Exploratory research |
| 2) Addresses "How" and "Who" questions | II. Descriptive research |
| 3) Addresses "Why" question | III. Explanatory research |
- Which of the pairs given below is correctly matched?
- 1-I 2-II 3-III
 - 1-III 2-II 3-I
 - 1-II 2-I 3-III
 - 1-I 2-III 3-II
20. In which of the following is the "time dimension" of research not emphasised?
- Cross-sectional research
 - Longitudinal research
 - Case-Study research
 - Survey research
21. Consider the following statements.
- A research hypothesis is a tentative statement postulating a relationship between factual and conceptual elements of the variables.
 - A researcher sets up a null hypothesis so that the deduced consequences of a research hypothesis may be directly tested.
- In light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options below.
- Both statements 1 and 2 are true.
 - Both statements 1 and 2 are false.
 - Statement 1 is false, but statement 2 is true.
 - Statement 1 is true, but statement 2 is false.
22. Which of the following analytical techniques may an investigator perform on secondary data to involve consideration of relationships between datasets and the possibility of producing a statistical explanation of causality?
- Correlation and regression
 - Measures of spatial distributions
 - Composite indices
 - Classifications

23. Which of the following is not necessarily related to research ethics?
- (A) Plagiarism
 - (B) Conflicts of interest
 - (C) Informed consent
 - (D) Mixed method
24. Identify the type of Chart that is useful to show trends or changes over time.
- (A) Pie Chart
 - (B) Column Chart
 - (C) Dot Graph
 - (D) Line Chart
25. Random sampling is also called
- (A) Probability Sampling
 - (B) Non-probability sampling
 - (C) Prospect sampling
 - (D) Availability sampling
26. Which of the following statements is true for the section “Reviewing the Literature” in a research proposal?
- 1) To place the question or hypothesis in the context of previous work in such a way as to explain and justify decisions made.
 - 2) The literature is made to serve the reader’s query by supporting, explicating, and illuminating the logic now implicit in the proposed investigation
 - 3) To employ literature review artfully to support and explain the choices made for this study, not to educate the reader concerning the state of science in the problem area.
 - 4) To display gaps in the body of knowledge, limitations in previous formulations of the question, inadequate methods of data collection, or inappropriate interpretation of results.
- Which of the following is the correct answer?
- (A) 1, 2, 3, and 4 statements are true
 - (B) 1, 2, and 3 statements are only true
 - (C) 1, 2, and 4 statements are only true
 - (D) 1, 3 and 4 statements are only true
27. Which scale measurement has a natural zero?
- (A) Ratio
 - (B) Nominal
 - (C) Ordinal
 - (D) Interval
28. Which Anthropologist introduced the term “thick description”?
- (A) Clifford Geertz
 - (B) Raymond Williams
 - (C) C. Wright Mills
 - (D) John Locke

29. The term "Ethno" refers to
- (A) Culture or people
 - (B) Geographically constructed area
 - (C) Sociological imagination
 - (D) Social life
30. Consider the following statements.
- 1) The nature of reality is external to the human mind.
 - 2) The focus is on critical reality.
 - 3) The purpose of research is to find the universal.
 - 4) The acceptable method and data are the 'scientific method'.
 - 5) This method is nearer to the inductive approach.

Which of the following approaches is working in the above statements?

- (A) Positivism
 - (B) Post positivism
 - (C) Deductive approach
 - (D) Experimental approach
31. The research approach that emphasises generating theory from data is known as:
- (A) Inductive
 - (B) Deductive
 - (C) Longitudinal
 - (D) Experimental
32. General features of survey research include the following.
- 1) A relatively large number of respondents chosen by some form of probability sampling
 - 2) Formal observation procedures involving interviews and/or questionnaires
 - 3) Computerized statistical analysis of data
 - 4) Testing of the hypothesis that one variable causes a change in another variable

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) 1, 2 and 3
 - (B) 1, 2 and 4
 - (C) 1, 3 and 4
 - (D) 2, 3 and 4
33. Which of the following methods is used in Content Analysis?
- (A) Recording
 - (B) Counting
 - (C) Classifying
 - (D) All of the Above
34. The ethical principle of doing no harm is known as
- (A) Non-maleficence
 - (B) Justice
 - (C) Autonomy
 - (D) Discretion

35. Identify the probability sampling procedures from the following:

- 1) Quota sampling
- 2) Stratified sampling
- 3) Dimensional sampling
- 4) Cluster sampling
- 5) Systematic sampling

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (A) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (B) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (C) 2, 4 and 5 only
- (D) 3, 4 and 5 only

Part-B: Descriptive Questions in Subject Concerned

Marks: 35

Instructions:

- Write your hall ticket number on the answer book.
- 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.

I. Answer any TWO essay questions from the following

10X2=20

1. Analyse recent legislative election results from a regional studies perspective.
2. Examine how the politics of citizenship is regionally reconfigured in light of electoral politics in contemporary India.
3. Give your critical argument with examples on the statement- "Regional studies is far from static entity with clearly or simply defined and rigidly demarcated boundaries."
4. What role may the idea of "region" play in a multipolar world?

II. Answer briefly any THREE from the following

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5. Brahmanical patriarchy
6. Disaster resilience
7. Functionalism
8. SIR
9. Sociospatial
10. Westernisation

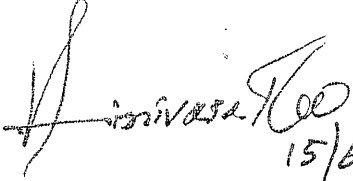
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Revised MCQ Key

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	D ✓	26	A ✓
2	A ✓	27	A ✓
3	A ✓	28	A ✓
4	D ✓	29	A ✓
5	C ✓	30	B ✓
6	B ✓	31	A ✓
7	A, C & D ✓	32	A ✓
8	A ✓	33	D ✓
9	C ✓	34	A ✓
10	C ✓	35	C ✓
11	D ✓		
12	C ✓		
13	B ✓		
14	A ✓		
15	B ✓		
16	B ✓		
17	C ✓		
18	A ✓		
19	A & C ✓		
20	D ✓		
21	A ✓		
22	A ✓		
23	D ✓		
24	D ✓		
25	A ✓		

Note/ Remarks: Nil


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