

Integ. M.Sc DS Semester-6 Examination
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Research Methodology

Time : 2-30 Hours]

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[Max. Marks : 70]

Instructions: All questions are compulsory. Use of non-programmable scientific calculator is allowed.

- Q.1** (a) "The research process involves a series of interrelated and intricate steps." Does every research study necessarily need to satisfy all the conditions and be carried out in this sequence? Explain. (10)
- (b) How would you define business research? What are the major components of a good research study? Illustrate with an example. (10)

OR

- (a) What is a research hypothesis? Does all research require hypotheses formulation? Explain. (10)
- (b) How would you distinguish between a management decision problem and a management research problem? Do all decision problems require research? Explain and illustrate with examples. (10)

- Q.2** (a) Distinguish between Exploratory and descriptive research designs (10)
- (b) 'Majority of the research designs are exploratory cum descriptive in nature in business research.' How? (10)

OR

- (a) How does quasi-experimental design differ from true experiment design? (10)
- (b) What are the different ways of controlling extraneous variables? (10)

- Q.3** (a) Explain an itemized rating scale. What are the various issues involved in constructing an itemized rating scale? (10)
- (b) Explain with the help of examples the difference between Semantic differential scale and Guttman scale. (10)

OR

- (a) What is a questionnaire? Can it be used in all situations? Why/why not? Support your answer with suitable examples. (10)
- (b) Distinguish between dichotomous questions and multiple-choice questions (10)

- Q.4** (a) How do you distinguish between probability sampling and non-probability sampling? (10)
- (b) Differentiate between the stratified random sampling and systematic sampling. (10)

OR

- (a) What is a Snowball sampling? How is it selected? What are the advantages and disadvantages of Snowball sampling? (10)
- (b) It is desired to estimate the mean lifetime of a certain kind of vacuum cleaner. Given that the population standard deviation $\sigma = 320$ days, how large a sample is needed to be able to assert with a confidence level of 96% that the mean of the sample will differ from the population mean by less than 45 days? ($Z = 2.055$) (10)

Q.5 Attempt any **SEVEN** out of **TWELVE**:

- (1) Mention types of Conclusive Research and define any one of its types.
- (2) Write an equation for proposed model to predict turnover intention.
- (3) Define Two-tiered Research design.
- (4) Write a research problem which will have only open-ended questions.
- (5) What is pilot testing?

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- (6) Give an example of Focus group discussions.
- (7) What is the main difference between a laboratory experiment and a field experiment.
- (8) What is Exploratory Research.
- (9) 'Selection of every 15th subscriber to Business India is an example of random sampling.' – True or False. Explain.
- (10) Define Solomon four group design.
- (11) Differentiate between Rank order scaling and constant sum rating scale.
- (12) Give an example of Moderating variable.
