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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION
NOVEMBER 2025**

Political Science

POL 5B 01—RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(2019 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

*Answers can be written in English or Malayalam
Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.*

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer all questions.
Each answer carries 2 marks.*

1. Social science research.
2. Features of Research.
3. Independent variables.
4. Scientific Method.
5. Theory and Research.
6. Deduction.
7. Research Biases.
8. Concepts in Research.
9. Ethical issues in Research.
10. Objectivity in Social Research.
11. Research Methodology.
12. Fundamental Research.

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13. Plagiarism.
14. Population.
15. Null Hypothesis.

(Ceiling of marks - 25)

Part B (Paragraph Questions)

Answer all questions.

Each answer carries 5 marks.

16. Write a note on Objectives of Research.
17. What is a Research Problem ?
18. Discuss the importance of Literature Review.
19. Write a note on Types of Research Report.
20. Discuss the different methods of Sampling.
21. Write a note on Data Processing in research.
22. Examine the Sources of Hypothesis.
23. What do you mean by Observation Method ? Examine its Classification.

(Ceiling of marks - 35)

Part C (Essay Questions)

Answer any two questions.

Each answer carries 10 marks.

24. Define Scientific Research. Examine its Characteristics.
25. What is Research design ? What are the types of Research Design ?
26. What is Data ? Examine the Methods of Primary Data Collection.
27. What is Hypothesis ? Discuss the types of hypothesis.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A*Students can answer all questions in Section A.**Each question carries 2 marks.**Maximum Marks from the Section A is 25.*

1. Independent Variables.
2. Concepts.
3. Deductive Method.
4. Positivism.
5. Participant Observation.
6. Null Hypothesis.
7. Structured Interview.
8. Stratified Random Sampling.
9. Secondary Data.
10. Interview Schedule.
11. Sampling Error.
12. Referencing Systems.
13. Empiricism.
14. SPSS.
15. Fundamental Research.

(Ceiling 25 Marks)

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Section B

Students can answer all questions in Section B.

Each question carries 5 marks.

Maximum Marks from the Section B is 35.

16. Discuss the features and limitations of Scientific Method.
17. Define Variables and discuss its use in research.
18. Discuss the merits and demerits of survey research.
19. What is Sampling ? Explain the various probability sampling techniques.
20. Discuss the major sources of Secondary Data. What are its limitations ?
21. What do you mean by Plagiarism ? Discuss the methods to eliminate it.
22. What are the steps involved in writing a research report ?
23. Discuss the steps involved in Data Processing.

(Ceiling 35 Marks)

Section C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any two of the following.

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. What is Research Design ? Discuss its Types.
25. Define Hypothesis. Discuss its types and importance.
26. Illustrate the major techniques of primary data collection.
27. Give an account of the steps involved in a research.

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Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A*Students can answer **all** questions in Section A.**Each question carries 2 marks. Maximum Marks from the Section A is 25.*

1. Concepts.
2. Dependent Variables.
3. Empiricism.
4. Inductive Method.
5. Observation.
6. Interview Schedule.
7. Foot Notes.
8. Snow ball sampling.
9. Secondary Data.
10. Questionnaire.
11. Social Survey.
12. SPSS.
13. Plagiarism.
14. Literature Review.
15. Applied Research.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

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Section B

*Students can answer **all** questions in Section B.*

Each question carries 5 marks.

Maximum Marks from the Section B is 35.

16. Discuss the question of objectivity Vs subjectivity in social science research.
17. What do you mean by data processing ? Explain its steps.
18. Discuss the use and importance of hypothesis in research.
19. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research.
20. Discuss the steps involved in an interview.
21. Write a note on various types of research designs.
22. Discuss the style and format of a research report.
23. What do you mean by primary data ? Discuss its advantages.

(Ceiling 35 marks)

Section C

*Answer any **two** of the following.*

Essay type questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Bring out the importance of Research Design. What are its major components ?
25. What is sampling ? Explain its importance in research.
26. Define Scientific Method. Explain its basic features.
27. What do you mean by Survey Research ? Discuss its features and merits.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Part A (Short Answer Questions)*Answer all questions.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

1. What is Research ?
2. Scientific Method.
3. Ethical issues in social sciences.
4. Deduction.
5. Objectives of Research.
6. Concepts in Research.
7. Fundamental Research.
8. Research Problem.
9. Plagiarism.
10. Ex-post Facto research.
11. Literature Review.
12. Null Hypothesis.
13. Population.
14. Data.
15. Types of Research Report.

(Ceiling of marks 25)

Part B (Paragraph Questions)*Answer all questions.**Each question carries 5 marks.*

16. Write a note on Features of Research.
17. What are the Characteristics Scientific Method ?
18. Discuss the problem of objectivity in Social Research ?
19. Define Research design. What are the Components of a Research Design ?
20. What do you mean by Survey ? Discuss the Types of Survey.

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21. Examine the advantage of Secondary data ?
22. Explain the Data Processing in research ?
23. What are the Characteristics of a good report ?

(Ceiling of marks 35)

Part C (Essay Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Define Research and discuss the different types of research.
25. What do you mean by Sampling ? Discuss the different methods of Sampling.
26. Define Hypothesis. Discuss the Characteristics of a Good hypothesis.
27. What is a Primary Data ? Examine the different Methods of Collecting Primary Data.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)

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Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

Section A*Answer at least **ten** questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 30.*

1. Social Research.
2. Null Hypothesis.
3. Variables.
4. Secondary Data.
5. Participant Observation.
6. Questionnaire.
7. Social Survey.
8. Deduction.
9. Convenient Sampling.
10. Bibliography.
11. Case study.
12. Facts.
13. Open-ended questions.
14. Raw Data.
15. Action Research.

(10 × 3 = 30 marks)

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Section B

*Answer at least **five** questions.*

Each question carries 6 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

16. Bring out the importance of Social Science Research.
17. Discuss the need and significance of Review of Literature.
18. What are the precautions to be taken in the collection of secondary data ?
19. What do you mean by hypothesis ? Explain its use in research.
20. Discuss the major steps involved in the processing of data.
21. Comment on different types of research.
22. Discuss the process of a social survey.
23. What are the advantages of Interview method in social science research ?

(5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Section C

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Each question carries 10 marks.

24. Illustrate the major steps involved in Social Science Research.
25. What do you mean by Scientific Method ? Discuss its major features.
26. Elucidate the major techniques of Primary Data collection.
27. What is meant by Sampling ? Discuss the probability sampling techniques and its relative merits and demerits.

(2 × 10 = 20 marks)