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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE [REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY]
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

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Political Science

POL3C09—RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A (Short Answer Questions)*Answer any **four** questions in a paragraph each.**Each question carries 2 weightages.*

1. Distinguish between Dependent and Independent Variables.
2. What do you mean by Inductive Method ?
3. Distinguish between Bibliography and Foot Notes.
4. What is Secondary Data ?
5. What do you mean by Case Study Method ?
6. What is meant by Plagiarism in research ?
7. Distinguish between Pure and Applied Research.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightages)

Section B (Short Essay Questions)*Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words.**Each question carries 3 weightages.*

8. Discuss the question of objectivity Vs subjectivity in social science research.
9. What do you mean by data processing ? Explain its steps.

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10. Discuss the use and importance of hypothesis in research.
11. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research.
12. Discuss the steps involved in an interview.
13. Write a note on various types of research designs.
14. What are the precautions to be taken in the selection and formulation of a research problem ?

(4 × 3 = 12 weightages)

Section C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions in about 450 words each.*

Each question carries 5 weightages.

15. Bring out the importance of Research Design. What are its major components ?
16. Discuss about various probability and non-probability sampling techniques, Explain its importance in social science research.
17. What do you mean by Survey method ? Explain the techniques and process of a social survey.
18. Elucidate the features of a sound Research Report. Explain its components, style and format.

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Section A (Short Answer Questions)*Answer any four questions in a paragraph each.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. What is meant by Social Research ?
2. Briefly describe the terms Concepts and Variables.
3. What is Case Study ?
4. Comment on Participant Observation ?
5. Distinguish between Questionnaire and Schedule.
6. What is Bibliography ?
7. What is meant by Action Research ?

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Section B (Short Essay Questions)*Answer any four questions in about 150 words.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Discuss the need and significance of Review of Literature.
9. What are the precautions to be taken in the collection of secondary data.
10. What do you mean by hypothesis ? Explain its use in research.
11. Discuss the major steps involved in the processing of data.

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12. Comment on different types of research.
13. Discuss the process of a social survey.
14. What are the advantages of Interview method in social science research ?

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Section C (Essay Questions)

Answer any two of the following in about 450 words.

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Bring out the significance of Social Science Research. Illustrate the major steps involved in social research.
16. Define Research Design. Discuss its components. And types.
17. Elucidate the major techniques of Primary Data collection.
18. What is meant by Sampling ? Discuss the probability sampling techniques and its relative merits and demerits.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)