



Ba/SOC/H/M-6

2026

(FYUGP)

(6th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

(MINOR)

Paper : SOC/H/M-6

(Sociological Research Methods—I)

Full Marks : 75

Pass Marks : 40%

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

SECTION—I

(Marks : 15)

Choose the correct answer :

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1. The logic of social research deals with

- (a) reasoning behind scientific inquiry
- (b) value-laden research
- (c) intuition
- (d) None of the above

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2. Deductive logic moves from

- (a) particular to general
- (b) general theory to specific observation
- (c) general conclusion from specific premises
- (d) All of the above

3. Which of the following is the characteristic of scientific research?

- (a) Empirical evidence
- (b) Non-replicability
- (c) Unpredictability
- (d) Unsystematic

4. Basic research is concerned with

- (a) immediate practical solution
- (b) expansion of knowledge
- (c) past event using historical record
- (d) None of the above

5. Empirical research is based on

- (a) observation and experience
- (b) use of real-world data
- (c) data collected through observation and experiment
- (d) All of the above

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6. Case study method is primarily

- (a) experimental
- (b) quantitative
- (c) qualitative
- (d) None of the above

7. Symbolic interactionism focuses on

- (a) everyday social interactions
- (b) meanings and symbols
- (c) participant observation
- (d) All of the above

8. Structural functionalism advocates

- (a) phenomenological method
- (b) interpretative method
- (c) comparative and empirical analysis
- (d) All of the above

9. Who among the following is known as the father of logic?

- (a) Plato
- (b) Socrates
- (c) Aristotle
- (d) None of them

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10. An interview schedule is filled by the
- respondent
 - researcher
 - research supervisor
 - All of the above
11. Positivism advocates the use of
- guesswork
 - commonsense knowledge
 - scientific methods
 - All of the above
12. Which of the following is the advantage of observation method?
- Direct information
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Flexibility in observation
 - All of the above

13. Which of the following is an example of unethical research practice?
- Honest reporting of findings
 - Fabrication of data
 - Avoiding harm to respondent
 - None of the above

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14. Giving false information to participants is considered as
- informed consent
 - confidentiality
 - deception
 - beneficence
15. An unethical practice of using others ideas without proper acknowledgement is called
- plagiarism
 - beneficence
 - informed consent
 - None of the above

SECTION—II
(Marks : 10)

Answer any five of the following questions : 2×5=10

1. Define social research.
2. Differentiate between Applied and Basic research.
3. Write two merits of historical research.
4. What is positivism?

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5. What is conflict approach in social research?

6. Write two limitations of case study.

7. What is non-participant observation?

8. Write two features of interview schedules.

9. What is validity in social research?

10. Write two main disadvantages of participant observation.

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

1. Define logic. Explain the relationship between science and logic in social research.

2+8=10

Or

"Social research should be value neutral." In the light of the above statement, explain the importance of value neutrality for scientific research.

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2. What is empirical research? Describe the characteristics of empirical research.

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Or

Bring out the advantage and limitation of descriptive research.

5+5=10

3. Examine the methodological limitation of structural functionalism.

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Or

Analyze the methodological perspective of symbolic interactionism.

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4. Define questionnaire. Explain the types of questions used in questionnaire.

2+8=10

Or

What is a survey? Describe the steps involved in conducting a survey.

2+8=10

5. Discuss the historical evolution of research ethics.

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Or

Explain the major regulations governing the research process.

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