M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2019 SEMESTER 1 : SOCIOLOGY

COURSE: 15P1SOCT04: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS

(For Regular - 2019 Admission and Supplementary - 2015/2016/2017/2018 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

Section A Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 1. Define Social research
- 2. What is Iterative process?
- 3. Define Longitudinal research
- 4. What is Purposive sampling in research?
- 5. Define Sampling frame and its relevance
- 6. Define Dependent variables
- 7. What is meant by Content analysis?
- 8. Describe the application of Ink blot test in research
- 9. What is Guttman scale?
- 10. What is meant by Measurement errors in research?
- 11. Define Nominal scale
- 12. What is meant by Summated rating scales?

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

Section B Answer any 7 (5 marks each)

- 13. Examine the different approaches in social research
- 14. What do you mean by research? Explain the significance of social research in modern society
- 15. How do you define a research problem? Give three examples to illustrate your answer
- 16. State the distinctions between random and stratified sampling
- 17. Differentiate between Population and Universe in Sampling
- 18. What are the guiding principles in the construction of a questionnaire? Explain
- 19. What do you understand by secondary data? Mention the various sources of collecting secondary data
- 20. What are comparative scaling techniques? Explain in detail
- 21. Differentiate between ordinal and interval scale
- 22. What is meant by validity? What are its types?

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

Section C Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

- 23. Define experimental research and discuss its features
- 24. Briefly explain the need and significance of literature in research
- 25. What is Q sort technique? Explain its functions in social research
- 26. Describe the feasibility of Bogardus, Likert and Guttman scaling techniques in social research

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$