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**M.A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2017****SEMESTER –1: SOCIOLOGY****COURSE: 15P1SOCT04: SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS***(Common for Regular 2017 admission and supplementary 2016 & 2015 admission)*

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**PART A**Answer **any Eight** questions of 2 marks each.

1. Define hypothesis.
2. Differentiate between independent and dependent variable.
3. Explain correlation.
4. What is operational definition?
5. Explain random sampling.
6. What is an experimental group?
7. Explain secondary analysis.
8. What is ethnography?
9. Explain applied research.
10. Explain empiricism. (2 x 8 = 16)

**PART B**Answer **any Seven** questions of 5 marks each.

11. What is observation? Explain different types of observation with examples.
12. Examine the Ethical issues and problems in research?
13. Examine different levels of measurement.
14. Explain how you will ensure reliability and validity in your research work
15. Differentiate between a census study and sample survey
16. Explain the importance of literature review in research.
17. What are the different types of survey and find out their relative advantages?
18. Explain the characteristics of a good sample
19. Compare the relative benefits of Qualitative and Quantitative research?
20. List out the important types of research. Distinguish between pure and applied research. (5 x 7 = 35)

**PART C**Answer **any Two** questions of 12 marks each.

21. Analyze the role of social science research in the present society.
22. Explain the problems of objectivity and limit to objectivity in Sociological research.
23. Explain the steps in scientific method with adequate examples.
24. Explain the sources of data and the methods used in the collection of primary data. (12 x 2 = 24)