

M.A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER 2016
SEMESTER - 3: ECONOMICS

COURSE: P3ECOT13- RESEARCH METHODS IN ECONOMICS

Common for Regular (2015 Admission) & Supplementary / Improvement (2014 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max.Marks: 75

Part A

(Answer **any Eight** Questions of the following not exceeding half a page.
Each question carries 2 marks)

- 1.Descriptive and analytical Research.
 - 2.Pure Research.
 - 3.SPSS.
 - 4.Census and Sample Survey.
 - 5.Research Problem.
 - 6.Random Sample.
 - 7.Meaning of interpretation in research.
 - 8.Research methods and methodology.
 - 9.Technical Report.
 - 10.Systematic bias.
 - 11.Primary and Secondary Data.
 - 12.Quantitative research.
- (2 x 8 =16)

Part B

(Answer **any Seven** Questions of the Following Not Exceeding Two Pages.
Each Question Carries 5 Marks)

13. Briefly explain how to formulate a research problem and what are the precautions to be taken while selecting the research topic?
 14. Distinguish between Type I and Type II errors.
 15. Explain the role of communication technology in research.
 16. Explain briefly empirical sources and methods of data collection.
 17. Explain the difference between questionnaire and schedule.
 18. What are the merits and demerits of interview method in data collection?
 19. Explain the basic elements of scientific method.
 20. Distinguish between parametric and non-parametric tests.
 21. Write a note on case study method and its advantages and limitations.
 22. Explain the importance of footnotes and references in research.
- (5 x 7 =35)

Part C

(Write a long essay on **any Two** of the following not exceeding four pages.

Each question carries 12 marks)

23. Briefly explain the various steps involved in conducting social science research.

24. What is hypothesis testing? Explain its procedure.

25. Explain the major steps and layout of a research report.

26. Explain major divisions of Sampling.

(12 x 2 =24)