

5 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 12

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SOCIOLOGY

(Core)

Paper : C-12

(Sociological Research Methods—I)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Choose the correct answer from the following :

1×8=8

- (a) The essential quality of a researcher is
- (i) spirit of free enquiry
 - (ii) systematization of theorizing of knowledge
 - (iii) reliance on observation and evidence
 - (iv) All of the above

- (b) Objectivity in research implies
- (i) exact judgement of truth
 - (ii) inter-research argument
 - (iii) findings consistent with reality
 - (iv) methodological sophistication
- (c) The research approach of Max Weber to understand how people create meanings in natural settings is identified as
- (i) positive paradigm
 - (ii) critical paradigm
 - (iii) natural paradigm
 - (iv) interpretative paradigm
- (d) The author of the book, *The Coming Crisis in Western Sociology* is
- (i) Alvin Gouldner
 - (ii) Radcliffe-Brown
 - (iii) Max Weber
 - (iv) Emile Durkheim
- (e) Which comes first, theory or research?
- (i) Theory, because otherwise you are working in the dark
 - (ii) Research, because that is the only way you can develop a theory
 - (iii) It depends on your own point of view
 - (iv) The question is meaningless, because you cannot have one without the other

- (f) Who coined the term Feminism?
- (i) Charles Fourier
 - (ii) Hélène Cixous
 - (iii) Pierre Bourdieu
 - (iv) None of them
- (g) Which of the following best describes quantitative research?
- (i) The collection of non-numeric data
 - (ii) An attempt to confirm the researcher's hypothesis
 - (iii) Research that is exploratory
 - (iv) Research that attempts to generate a new theory
- (h) The author of the book, *The Rules of Sociological Method* is
- (i) Emile Durkheim
 - (ii) Auguste Comte
 - (iii) Karl Marx
 - (iv) Max Weber
2. Write short notes on any four of the following (within 150 words each) : 4×4=16
- (a) Utility of social research
 - (b) Problems of objectivity in social research
 - (c) Qualities of a social researcher
 - (d) Comparative methods of social research (Max Weber)
 - (e) Relation between theory and research

- (f) Inductive and deductive logic used in research
- (g) Constructionist approach of science

3. Answer any *four* from the following questions
(within 500 words each) : 14×4=56

- (a) What is sociological research? Evaluate sociological research as scientific methods of research. 4+10=14
- (b) What do you mean by scientific method? Discuss the major characteristics of scientific method. 14
- (c) What is objectivity? Discuss objectivity as explained by Emile Durkheim. 14
- (d) Discuss comparative method as explained by Emile Durkheim. 14
- (e) Critically discuss about the approach of feminist method used in social science research. 14
- (f) What is theory? Discuss the major element and characteristics of theory in social research. 4+10=14
- (g) What do you mean by quantitative method? Discuss the major characteristics of quantitative method. 4+10=14
- (h) Discuss about crisis in Western sociology regarding methodological approach used in social science research. 14
