

Entrance Examinations - 2025
Ph.D. Regional Studies

Maximum Marks : 70

Time : 2 Hours

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General Instructions :**Please read the following instructions carefully before answering.**

- * Write your Hall Ticket Number in the OMR Answer Sheet and a separate answer book given to you. Also write the Hall Ticket Number in the space provided above.
- * This question paper consists of Two Parts – Part ‘A’ and Part ‘B’. Part-A for 35 marks consists of 35 Multiple Choice Questions in Research Methodology and Part B for 35 marks with descriptive questions on the subject concerned.
- * **There is no negative marking.**
- * Answers for Part-A must be marked on the OMR answer sheet following the instructions provided thereupon.
- * Part-B consists of descriptive type questions for 35 marks and to be answered in a separate answer book provided.
- * Hand over the OMR answer sheet and the Answer Book of Part ‘B’ at the end of the examination to the Invigilator.
- * No additional sheets will be provided. Rough work can be done in the question paper itself.

Part-A: Multiple Choice Questions in Research Methodology**Marks: 35****Select the correct answer.**

1. Which of the following is *not* a data-collection method?
 - A) Research Questions
 - B) Unstructured Interviewing
 - C) Postal Survey Questionnaires
 - D) Participant Observation
2. A subset of the population is called
 - A) Element
 - B) Sampling unit
 - C) Sample
 - D) Sampling frame
3. The failure to give due acknowledgement by copying material from other people's work without Citation or by copying the work of other students is known as:
 - A) Code of Ethics
 - B) Plagiarism
 - C) Injustice
 - D) Coercion
4. Questionnaire is a widely used tool in which type of research?
 - A) Survey Research
 - B) Experimental Research
 - C) Historical Research
 - D) Case Study Research
5. Match correctly the Authors in Column A with the descriptions in Column B

Column A (Authors)	Column B (Descriptions)
1) Karl Marx	I) Genealogical Method
2) Max Weber	II) Standpoint Theory
3) Sandra Harding	III) Verstehen
4) Michel Foucault	IV) Dialectical Materialism

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) 1-III 2-IV 3-II 4-I
 - B) 1-IV 2-III 3-II 4-I
 - C) 1-IV 2-I 3-III 4-II
 - D) 1-III 2-IV 3-I 4-II
6. Which of the following scholars is associated with the hermeneutics tradition?
 - A) Karl Marx
 - B) Emile Durkheim
 - C) Wilhelm Dilthey
 - D) Charles Tilly

7. Which of the following research is essentially emic based, experiential in nature and context sensitive?
- Ethnographic Research
 - Action research
 - Survey research
 - Experimental research

8. 'Experimental method' is associated with
- Positivism
 - Archival research
 - Survey method
 - None of the above

9. Match accurately the Disciplines in Column A with the concepts/ ideas of research given in Column B

Column A (Disciplines)

- Sociology
- Political Science
- History
- Economics

Column B (Concepts/Ideas)

- Archival Exploration in the State Institution
- Impact of globalisation on income distribution
- Comparative Analysis of Electoral Performance
- Field Work in the Urban Neighbourhood

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- 1-I 2-II 3-III 4-IV
- 1-IV 2-III 3-I 4-II
- 1-III 2-I 3-IV 4-II
- 1-II 2-III 3-I 4-IV

10. Quantitative Research can be classified as:

- Explanatory
- Measured
- External and Observable
- All of the above

11. The study in which the investigators attempt to trace an effect is known as:

- Survey Research
- Summative Research
- Historical Research
- 'Ex-post Facto' Research

12. Match correctly the terms in Column A with the descriptions in Column B

Column A (Terms)

- Census
- GIS
- Archaeology
- Cartography

Column B (Descriptions)

- Used for spatial data analysis
- Study of the past using methods such as excavation
- Technique used in map making
- Enumeration of population under study

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- 1-I 2-III 3-II 4-IV
- 1-I 2-IV 3-III 4-II
- 1-I 2-III 3-IV 4-II
- 1-IV 2-I 3-II 4-III

13. Who among the following has written the book 'Rules of Sociological Method'?
- A) Karl Marx
 - B) August Comte
 - C) Emile Durkheim
 - D) Max Weber
14. In social science, what are the steps in pursuing research from the most important step to the next, from the given options below?
- I. Literature review.
 - II. Formulation of research problem.
 - III. Data collection.
 - IV. Formulation of research design.
 - V. Report writing.
 - VI. Data analysis.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) I, II, IV, III, V, VI
 - B) I, IV, II, VI, III, V
 - C) II, IV, I, V, VI, III
 - D) II, I, IV, III, VI, V
15. The practice of dividing a single research study's data into multiple publications, often to inflate publication, is a concern due to:
- A) Teaching Quality
 - B) Management of Research
 - C) Management of Publication
 - D) Ethical Question in Research
16. Assertion: (A): Plagiarism may occur when the work is not protected by copyright.
Reason (R): Plagiarism is the wrongful appropriation of another's language, thoughts, ideas or expression and representation of them as one's own.
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- A) Both (A) and (R) are true
 - B) Both (A) and (R) are false
 - C) (A) is true, and (R) is false
 - D) (A) is false and (R) is true
17. Hypothesis refers to which of the following?
- A) The outcome of an experiment
 - B) The conclusion is drawn from an experiment
 - C) A form of bias in which the subject tries to outguess the experimenter
 - D) A tentative statement about the relationship of two or more variables
18. A Design that is uncommonly found in human and social science research is
- A) Ethnographies
 - B) Experiments
 - C) Grounded Theory
 - D) Case studies

19. Match Column A (Concepts) with Column B (Authors)

Column A (Concepts)	Column B (Authors)
1) Positivism	I) B.G. Glaser & A. L. Strauss
2) Paradigm	II) Claude Levi-Strauss
3) Grounded Theory	III) Auguste Comte
4) Structuralism	IV) Thomas Kuhn

Select the correct option from the below:

- A) 1-III 2-IV 3-I 4-II
 B) 1-I 2-II 3-III 4-IV
 C) 1-IV 2-III 3-II 4-I
 D) 1-II 2-I 3-IV 4-III

20. The term 'ethnomethodology' is associated with

- A) Analysis of variance
 B) Qualitative research
 C) Correlational study
 D) Probability sampling

21. Consider the following pairs.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Primary data | I. Consent |
| 2. Secondary data | II. Statistical tools |
| 3. Data analysis | III. Empirical |
| 4. Plagiarism | IV. Literature review |
| 5. Ethics | V. Stealing the data |

Which of the pairs given below is correctly matched?

- A) 1-III 2-V 3-II 4-I 5-IV
 B) 1-III 2-IV 3-II 4-V 5-I
 C) 1-IV 2-III 3-I 4-II 5-V
 D) 1-IV 2-II 3-V 4-III 5-I

22. Identify the probability sampling procedures from the following:

- I. Quota sampling
 II. Stratified sampling
 III. Dimensional sampling
 IV. Cluster sampling
 V. Systematic sampling

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) I, II and III
 B) II, III and IV
 C) II, IV and V
 D) III, IV and V

23. Questionnaire is a widely used tool in which type of research?

- A) Survey Research
 B) Experimental Research
 C) Historical Research
 D) Case Study Research

24. Repositories to store data sets from research projects and make them available to other researchers for *secondary analysis* and *meta-analysis* are known as:

- A) Data Archives
- B) Data Mining
- C) Data cleaning
- D) Data count

25. Consider the following statements:

- I) Mixed methods employ a research design that uses both quantitative and qualitative data to answer a particular question or a set of questions.
- II) The term multimethods refers to the mixing of methods by combining two or more qualitative methods in a single research study, or by using two or more quantitative methods in a single research study.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) Both I and II are true statements.
- B) Both I and II are false statements.
- C) Only I is a true statement.
- D) Only II is a true statement.

26. A suitable paradigm for study, when a theory base is lacking, and is exploratory research wherein variables are unknown and context is important, is

- A) Qualitative paradigm
- B) Quantitative paradigm
- C) Ontological reverence
- D) Researcher's Worldview

27. Which of the following statements is accurate on "researchers' use of scholarly literature in a study"

- I. To present results of similar studies
- II. To relate the present study to the ongoing dialogue in the literature
- III. To provide framework for comparing results of a study with other studies
- IV. To spotlight irrelevance in qualitative studies but significance in quantitative studies

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) I, II, and III are true statements
- B) I, III, and IV are true statements
- C) II, III, and IV are true statements
- D) I, II, and IV are true statements.

28. Action research means

- A) Longitudinal research
- B) Applied research
- C) Research initiated to solve an immediate problem
- D) Research with socio-economic objectives

29. Which of the following criteria will you consider to reduce the list of references to manageable proportions?

- I. Relevance to topic
- II. Originality
- III. Accessibility or Availability
- IV. System of referencing

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) I, II, and III
- B) II, III, and IV
- C) I, III, and IV
- D) I, II, and IV

30. Which view among the following is related to the *Emic* perspective?

- A) Outsider view
- B) Statistical analysis
- C) Insider view
- D) Historical analysis

31. Match the terms in Column A with descriptions given in Column B

Column A	Column B
1. Positivism	I. An epistemological position that primarily advocates the application of the methods of the natural sciences to the study of social reality and beyond; but the term stretches beyond this principle.
2. Interpretivism	II. It is predicated upon a view that a strategy is required that respects the differences between people and the objects of natural sciences and therefore requires the social scientist to grasp the subjective meaning of social action.
3. Objectivism	III. Is an ontological position that asserts that social phenomenon and their meanings have an existence that is independent of social actors.
4. Constructionism	IV. Is an ontological position that asserts that social phenomena and their meanings are continually being accomplished by social actors

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) 1-I 2-II 3-III 4-IV
- B) 3-I 2-II 1-III 4-IV
- C) 3-I 4-II 1-III 2-IV
- D) 3-I 1-II 4-III 2-IV

32. A deductive theory is one that:

- A) Allows theory to emerge from the data
- B) Involves testing an explicitly defined hypothesis
- C) Allows for findings to feed back into the stock of knowledge
- D) Uses qualitative methods whenever possible

33. Which of the statements given below suggests that there are practical arguments for why one should behave ethically?

- I. Ethical behaviour protects the rights of individuals, communities and environments involved in, or affected by, the research.
- II. Ethical behaviour helps assure a favourable climate for the continued conduct of scientific inquiry.
- III. Ethical behaviour maintains public trust, which allows for the continuation of research without causing suspicion or fear among people who are hosting the researcher(s).
- IV. Ethical behaviour is only a moral argument.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) I, II, and IV are true statements
- B) I, II, and III are true statements
- C) I, III, and IV are true statements
- D) II, III, and IV are true statements.

34. Fundamental research reflects the ability to:

- A) Synthesise new ideas
- B) Expound new principles
- C) Evaluate the existing material concerning research
- D) Study the existing literature regarding various topics

35. Which of the below given points are to be considered in the 'ethics of writing'?

- I. Reciprocity
- II. Plagiarism
- III. Providing all the facts
- IV. Manufacturing of facts

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- A) I, II, and III
- B) I, III, and IV
- C) II, III, and IV
- D) I, II, and IV

Part-B: Descriptive Questions in Subject Concerned**Marks: 35****Instructions:**

- Your answers are expected to be coherent and must include examples.
 - Write your arguments clearly, and cite literature that you may have read in your courses at the Master's level.
 - Write your hall ticket number on the answer book.
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Answer any TWO essay questions from the following**10x2=20**

1. Discuss the relationship between caste and politics in contemporary India.
2. Discuss why research study of "disasters" is significant.
3. How do you analyse a region's impact on the development of scheduled tribes in India?
4. Write a research proposal on a topic that interests you in pursuing a Ph.D. at the Centre for Regional Studies.

Answer briefly any THREE from the following**5x3=15**

5. Feminist Political Ecology
6. Fifth and Sixth Schedules
7. PVTG
8. Regionalisation
9. Secularism
10. Sustainable Development

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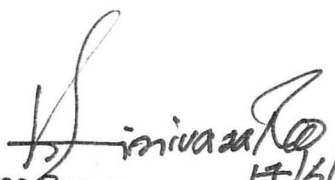
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Key to MCQs

Q.No.	Answer	Q.No.	Answer
1	A	26	A
2	C	27	A
3	B	28	C
4	A	29	A
5	B	30	C
6	C	31	A
7	A	32	B
8	A	33	B
9	B	34	B
10	D	35	C
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22	C		
23	A		
24	A		
25	A		

Note/ Remarks: Nil


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