

**5 SEM TDC SOCH (CBCS) C 12**

**2024**

**( November )**

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

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

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