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( Nov/Dec )

**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) "Social research is the investigation of the underlying processes, operative in the lives of persons who are in association." Who said this?

(i) E. S. Bogardus

(ii) Melvin Tumin

(iii) P. V. Young

- (b) The main characteristic of scientific research is
- (i) theoretical
  - (ii) experimental
  - (iii) Both of the above
- (c) Durkheim advocated for objectivity in sociology to
- (i) promote individual freedom and autonomy
  - (ii) establish sociology as a scientific discipline based on external social structures
  - (iii) emphasize the role of personal values in research
- (d) Which of the following is a common practice to engage in reflexivity?
- (i) Using large sample sizes to ensure generalizability
  - (ii) Maintaining a reflexive journal to document thoughts and feelings about research
  - (iii) None of the above
- (e) The primary goal of qualitative research is
- (i) to establish cause and effect relationships
  - (ii) to generate new hypothesis or theories
  - (iii) to measure and analyze numerical data

- (f) Which of the following is the central aim of feminist research methodology?
- (i) To research women's issues exclusively
  - (ii) To conduct research only by women
  - (iii) To facilitate activism on behalf of women
- (g) Which of the following is not a characteristic of qualitative research?
- (i) Focuses on subjective experience
  - (ii) Uses statistical analysis
  - (iii) Allows for multiple perspectives
- (h) Who is the author of the book, *The Sociological Imagination*?
- (i) C. Wright Mills
  - (ii) Max Weber
  - (iii) Emile Durkheim

2. Write short notes on any *four* of the following (**within 150 words** each) : 4×4=16

- (a) Definition of science
- (b) Aims of social research
- (c) Reflexivity in social research

- (d) Essential qualities of a good researcher
- (e) Qualitative and quantitative methods
- (f) Comparative method

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

- (a) What do you mean by social research?  
Discuss the importance of social  
research. 4+10=14
- (b) Discuss the main characteristics of  
science.
- (c) What is objectivity? Discuss objectivity  
as explained by Max Weber. 4+10=14
- (d) Discuss comparative method as  
explained by Radcliffe-Brown.
- (e) Write about the distinctiveness of  
feminist method of social research.
- (f) Explain the concept of sociological  
imagination of C. W. Mills with suitable  
examples.
- (g) What do you mean by theory? Discuss  
the elements and characteristics of  
theory. 4+10=14

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