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M.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024.

Fourth Semester

Physics - Core

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(For those who joined in July 2021-2023)

Time: Three hours Maximum: 75 marks

PART A — $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ marks})$

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer:

- 1. What is the primary goal of explanatory research?
 - (a) To describe and summarize data
 - (b) To explore new research areas
 - (c) To explain the relationships between variables and establish causation
 - (d) To collect preliminary data for future research

- Which type of research is often used to evaluate the effectiveness or impact of a program, policy, or intervention?
 - (a) Descriptive research
 - (b) Longitudinal research
 - (c) Evaluative research
 - (d) Cross-sectional research
- 3. When conducting experimental research, what is the purpose of a control group?
 - (a) To ensure that the study is exploratory in nature
 - (b) To provide a comparison for the experimental group
 - (c) To eliminate the need for data collection
 - (d) To determine the research objectives
- 4. What is the primary data collection method used in observational research?
 - (a) Surveys and questionnaires
 - (b) Controlled experiments
 - (c) Direct observation of subjects in their natural environment
 - (d) Case studies

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- 5. In the introduction section, what is the purpose of the literature review?
 - (a) To summarize the research findings
 - (b) To present the methodology used in the study
 - (c) To review and discuss existing research related to the topic
 - (d) To list all the references cited in the report
- 6. When evaluating the methodology section of a research report, what should you look for to assess the research's validity?
 - (a) A thorough literature review
 - (b) The use of complex statistical methods
 - (c) Clear and detailed explanations of research methods and data collection
 - (d) A long list of references
- 7. Which of the following types of data is typically masked in a graph or chart to protect privacy?
 - (a) Personal Identification Information (PII)
 - (b) Non-sensitive demographic data
 - (c) Publicly available information
 - (d) Numerical data

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- 8. What is the purpose of using the "Data Connector" to link Excel data in Origin?
 - (a) To transfer Excel data into Origin permanently
 - (b) To synchronize changes made in Origin with the original Excel file
 - (c) To create a separate copy of the Excel data in Origin
 - (d) To import Excel data as an image in Origin
- 9. Which control sequence is used to insert a non-breaking space in LaTeX, ensuring that words are not separated at line breaks?
 - (a) /space
 - (b) /nobreakspace
 - (c) /nbspace
 - (d) /nonbreak
- 10. In LaTeX, what control sequence is used to create an inline mathematical expression within the text?
 - (a) \math

- (b) \equation
- (c) \textmath
- (d) and

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PART B — $(5 \times 5 = 25 \text{ marks})$

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b). Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What are the objectives of Research?

Or

- (b) What makes people do Research?
- 12. (a) Discuss the important concepts Relating to Research design.

Or

- (b) Explain the basic Principles of experimental designs.
- 13. (a) Explain the need of Research Report.

Or

- (b) Discuss the mechanics of report writing.
- 14. (a) Explain the creating multiple layer graphs in origin software.

Or

(b) Explain the Plotting a Range of the worksheet data in Origin software.

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15. (a) Explain the Characters and control Sequences in Latex software.

Or

(b) Discuss the Characters in mathematical mode using Latex.

PART C — $(5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ marks})$

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b) Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss in detail Problems encountered by Research in India.

Or

- (b) Explain the technique involved in defining a Research problem.
- 17. (a) Explain the various steps of the experimental Research methods.

Or

- (b) Explain the important concepts relating to Research design.
- 18. (a) Describe in detail the lag out involved evaluation of Research report.

Or

(b) Explain the general format of Research report.

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19. (a) Explain how to perform a linear fit using origin software.

Or

- (b) Explain the ways of working with Excel in origin.
- 20. (a) Explain with examples Latex used in Standard functions.

Or

(b) Explain the Producing simple documents using Latex.

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