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ECONOMICS - CORE

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answers :

1. The aim of research is \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) Factual
  - (b) Verifiable
  - (c) Theoretical
  - (d) All of the above

2. Research is based, upon \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Scientific method
  - (b) Experiments
  - (c) Scientists
  - (d) General principles
3. The chief characteristics of sampling is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Economy                      (b) Reliability
  - (c) Feasibility                      (d) All of the above
4. The basis of the formulation of hypothesis is \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Observation                      (b) Reflection
  - (c) Deduction                      (d) All of the above
5. Categorical scales are also known as \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) Ranking scales                      (b) Rating scales
  - (c) Ration scales                      (d) Ordinal scales
6. Semantic differential scale was developed by
- (a) Joal Dean                      (b) Charles.E.Osgood
  - (c) Edward Charlin                      (d) Walter R. Borg

7. Primary data as compared to secondary data are
- (a) Less reliable
  - (b) More reliable
  - (c) Not reliable
  - (d) Equally reliable
8. Diagrams are for —————
- (a) the use of experts
  - (b) better mental appeal
  - (c) use of intelligent
  - (d) none of these
9. The mechanics of a report writing includes —————
- (a) Foot-notes
  - (b) Headings
  - (c) Figures
  - (d) All the above
10. The objectives of writing/presenting a research paper is —————
- (a) To disseminate the knowledge
  - (b) To gain prestige in the field
  - (c) To develop acquaintance with the people
  - (d) To recognize one self as a researcher

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write down the objectives of a research.

Or

- (b) What are the main sources of information in social research?

12. (a) What is the need for a research plan?

Or

- (b) Why is sampling used?

13. (a) Briefly explain the Likert scale.

Or

- (b) Point out the possible source of measurement error.

14. (a) What are the merits of primary data?

Or

- (b) What are the purposes of statistical analysis of research data?

15. (a) Narrate the various steps involved in writing such a report.

Or

- (b) Draft the layout of a research report.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain the various types of research.

Or

- (b) List and describe the important source of problem selection.

17. (a) Explain the various types of research design.

Or

- (b) How is simple random sampling done? When is it suitable?

18. (a) Explain some of the important scaling techniques often used in the context of social (or) business research.

Or

- (b) Describe the qualitative and quantitative measures with example.

19. (a) What are the major steps involved in the process of construction of schedule (or) questionnaire?

Or

- (b) Explain the parts of a table.

20. (a) Explain the contents of a research report in detail.

Or

- (b) What is referencing? Explain its types.
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