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



- (f) Who coined the term Feminism?
- (i) Charles Fourier
  - (ii) Hélène Cixous
  - (iii) Pierre Bourdieu
  - (iv) None of them
- (g) Which of the following best describes quantitative research?
- (i) The collection of non-numeric data
  - (ii) An attempt to confirm the researcher's hypothesis
  - (iii) Research that is exploratory
  - (iv) Research that attempts to generate a new theory
- (h) The author of the book, *The Rules of Sociological Method* is
- (i) Emile Durkheim
  - (ii) Auguste Comte
  - (iii) Karl Marx
  - (iv) Max Weber

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

- (a) Utility of social research
- (b) Problems of objectivity in social research
- (c) Qualities of a social researcher
- (d) Comparative methods of social research  
(Max Weber)
- (e) 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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