

M.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY (MAPC)

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

MPC-005 : RESEARCH METHODS

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt *any five* questions. Each question is to be answered in about **500** words. *All* questions carry *equal* marks.

1. Describe psychological research as a science. Explain the different ways for minimise 'subjectivity' and 'maximise' objectivity in psychological research. 5+5=10
2. Explain in detail the different threats to internal and external validity. 10
3. What is the meaning and significance of hypothesis ? Explain the different characteristic features and types of hypothesis. 5+5=10
4. Describe cross-sectional survey research. What are the do's and don'ts in constructing the questionnaire ? 2+8=10
5. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Ex-post facto research ? 10

6. Elaborating the different criteria for selecting a case, describe the different ways in which a case study can be performed. 6+4=10
7. Explain 'single factor design'. 10
8. Write short notes on the following : 5+5=10
(a) Comparison between causal and correlational research design.
(b) Types of qualitative research method.
9. What are the steps of evaluating data and the strategies of interpreting data in a qualitative research ? 10
10. Write short notes on **any two** of the following : 5+5=10
(a) Steps of grounded theory
(b) Content Analysis
(c) Criteria of a good research
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