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**BACHELOR'S DEGREE (C.B.C.S) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**

**2023 ADMISSIONS REGULAR**

**SEMESTER III - CORE COURSE (SOCIOLOGY )**

**SO3C04B23 - Principles of Social Research**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

**Part A**

**I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks**

**(10x2=20)**

1. What is social research?
2. What are the types of observation ?
3. I am doing a research to find out how to improve the modes of transportation. What type of research is this? Why do you think so?
4. What is a hypothesis?
5. What is the nature of the relationship between independent and dependent variables?
6. What is meant by a research problem?
7. What is meant by operationalization of concept?
8. What is a tool?
9. When is convenience sampling used in research?
10. What do you mean by 'Rorschach ink blot' test?
11. Distinguish between data analysis and interpretation?
12. What is bibliography?

**Part B**

**II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks**

**(6x5=30)**

13. Why do you think that social science research is an important domain in sociological studies? Explain with suitable examples.
14. What is meant by ethical neutrality in research?
15. In exploratory research we cannot formulate a meaningful hypothesis- Why? Explain with a suitable example.
16. Describe the steps in formulating a research problem.
17. "Research design in exploratory studies must be flexible, but in descriptive studies, it must minimize bias and maximize reliability"- Discuss
18. What are the criteria for selecting a sample?
19. Explain projective techniques. Give examples.
20. What is meant by classification of data?
21. Explain the relevance of IT in research?

**Part C**

**III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks**

**(2x15=30)**

22. Examine a real life situation where action research can be used to understand it and implement a need based approach.
23. How do you classify survey designs according to time frame? Give examples.
24. Describe the major differences between experimental and observational data.
25. Explain the significance of a research report and describe the various steps involved in writing such a report.