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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2015.

THIRD SEMESTER

PS & PA

Paper V — RESEARCH METHODS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

PART A — (5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 1 page.

1. Objectives of social science research.
2. Historical research.
3. Reviews of literature.
4. Characteristics of hypothesis.
5. Non-probability sampling techniques.
6. Sources of secondary data.
7. Participant observation.
8. Foot notes.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Define research. Bring out the distinction between theory and fact.

Or

10. Explain the importance of research methodology in social sciences.

11. Define hypothesis. Discuss the sources and requirements of hypothesis.

Or

12. Explain the importance of research design in research.

13. Briefly discuss different methods of sampling. When do we need survey sampling?

Or

14. "Do you think case study method is the best in research"—Elucidate.

15. Critically examine the problems in report writing.

Or

16. Discuss the need for computer technology in social science research.

