(For candidates admitted from 2016–2017 onwards)

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022.

Economics

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time: Three hours Maximum: 75 marks

SECTION A — $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

Answer ALL the questions.

- 1. Why do we need scientific method in research?
- 2. State the meaning of research.
- 3. Define induction reasoning.
- 4. Define simple random sampling.
- 5. Explain research hypothesis.
- 6. State type -I and type -II error.
- 7. Define secondary data.
- 8. What is observation method?
- 9. State the types of reports.
- 10. Distinguish between bibliography and references.

SECTION B — $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

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

11. (a) Explain the significance of research in contemporary times.

Or

- (b) Describe the basic categories in scientific method.
- 12. (a) Describe the place of historical method in social science research.

Or

- (b) Explain the non-probability sampling methods.
- 13. (a) Narrate the need for research design.

Or

- (b) Describe the procedure for hypothesis testing.
- 14. (a) Explain the characteristics of secondary data.

Or

(b) Narrate the essentials of a good questionnaire.

15. (a) Describe the different steps in writing report.

Or

(b) Examine the usefulness of footnote and references in research report.

SECTION C —
$$(3 \times 10 = 30)$$

Answer any THREE questions.

- 16. Discuss the objectives and characteristics of research.
- 17. Explain case study method and point out its advantages and limitations.
- 18. Discuss the steps in research process.
- 19. Distinguish the difference between mailed questionnaire and schedule.
- 20. Explain the mechanics of writing a research report.

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