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B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022

Fourth Semester

Shipping and Logistics Management

Skill Based Subject — RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(For those who joined in July 2020 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

On what basis did Jean Piaget give his theory of cognitive development of humans?

- (a) Evaluation research
- (b) Fundamental research
- (c) Applied research
- (d) Action research

Usually which type of questions is asked during interviews?

- (a) Close-ended
- (b) Natural
- (c) Open-ended
- (d) Puzzling

Selecting sample units in just a “hit and miss” fashion is called _____

- (a) Purposive sampling
- (b) Accidental sampling
- (c) Stratified sampling
- (d) Systematic sampling

Why is data analysis concerned with data reduction?

- (a) Because for too much data is collected than is required
- (b) Because we need to make sense of the data
- (c) Because of the repetitions in answers to questionnaires
- (d) Because the sample size has been exceeded

- 2. Which one among the following is the most comprehensive source of population data?
 - (a) Census
 - (b) National sample surveys
 - (c) Demographic health surveys
 - (d) National family health surveys
- 3. What are those conditions where a research problem is not viable?
 - (a) It is new and adds something to knowledge
 - (b) It can be researched
 - (c) It has utility and relevance
 - (d) It contains dependent and independent variables
- 4. Which one among the following statement is true in the context of the testing of hypotheses?
 - (a) It is only the alternative hypotheses that can be tested
 - (b) It is only the null hypotheses that can be tested
 - (c) Both the alternative and the null hypotheses can be tested
 - (d) Both the alternative and the null hypotheses cannot be tested

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8. In SPSS, what is the “data viewer”?

- (a) A table summarizing the frequencies of data for on variable
- (b) A spreadsheet into which data can be entered
- (c) A dialog box that allows you to choose a statistical test
- (d) A screen in which variables can be defined and labeled

9. The first page of the research report is _____

- (a) Appendix
- (b) Bibliography
- (c) Index
- (d) Title page

10. At the end of the report, _____ should be enlisted in respect of all technical data such as questionnaires, sample information, mathematical derivations and the like ones.

- (a) Annexures
- (b) Appendices
- (c) Bibliography
- (d) Summary

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) What are the objectives of the research?
- Or
- (b) Describe the characteristics of ex post facto research.
12. (a) Discuss the importance of hypothesis.
- Or
- (b) Explain the identifying research gaps.
13. (a) Explain the various methods of research interviews.
- Or
- (b) Discuss the various steps in pretesting.
14. (a) What are the process of data analysis?
- Or
- (b) Explain the importance are of SPSS in the filed of social research work.

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15. (a) Discuss the conventional rules of writing style in a research paper.

Or

- (b) Distinguish between a bibliography and references.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Distinguish between exploratory research and descriptive research.
- Or
- (b) Elaborate the different types of case studies in research methodology.
17. (a) Enumerate the developing research questions, hypotheses and objectives for research studies.
- Or
- (b) Elaborate the various steps in developing a research design.

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18. (a) Describe the different tools for data collection.

Or

- (b) Elaborate the different techniques of scale construction.

19. (a) Elucidate the data analysis tools available in the market.

Or

- (b) Enumerate the different types of non-parametric test.

20. (a) Describe the different types of research reports.

Or

- (b) Enumerate the writing style in research reporting.

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