

**M.A. IN PARTICIPATORY DEVELOPMENT  
(MAPD)**

**Term-End Examination**

**June, 2012**

**MDS-011 : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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- Note :** (i) *Answer all questions.*  
(ii) *Q 1 to 4 are of essay type.*  
(iii) *Q 5 has short notes.*
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1. (a) What do you understand by the term 'Social research' ? Explain the different paradigms within which researchers work. 20

**OR**

- (b) What do you mean by 'ethics' ? Explain the ethical guidelines for good research practice. 20

2. (a) Critically examine the essential elements of qualitative and quantitative research. 20

**OR**

- (b) 'Research design is the plan, structure and strategy for conducting research'. In the light of this statement explain the concept of research design. 20

3. (a) Trace the historical roots of field research and critically examine the different field research methodologies. 20

OR

- (b) What do you mean by sampling ? Discuss the different sampling methods. 20

4. (a) Critically discuss the importance of report writing in research. 20

OR

- (b) What do you understand by the term hypothesis ? Discuss the various steps and errors involved in testing hypothesis. 20

5. Short notes : (*any two*)

- (a) Measures of central tendency 10  
(b) Sample Size 10  
(c) Primary and Secondary data 10  
(d) Critical Research Paradigm 10

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