

M.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY (MAPC)

Term-End Examination

December, 2012

MPC-005 : RESEARCH METHODS

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt any five questions in all. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What are the basic criteria of good research?
Discuss the significance of research methods in Psychology. 5+5=10

2. Differentiate between reliability and validity with the help of suitable example. What are the different ways in which the external reliability of an instrument can be measured ? 4+6=10

3. Differentiate between 'population and sample'.
Explain the different types of sampling. 4+6=10

4. Explain the concepts of single factor design and factorial design with suitable examples. 5+5=10

5. Differentiate between 'qualitative' and 'quantitative' research. Discuss their advantages and disadvantages. 5+5=10
6. Discuss the different assumptions, theories and steps of discourse analysis. 10
7. Explain the various steps involved in conducting survey research. Highlight the difficulties in survey research. 5+5=10
8. Discuss correlational and comparative design with examples. 10
9. Write short notes on the following : 5+5=10
(a) Ethnography
(b) Strategies of data interpretation
10. Write short notes on the following : 5+5=10
(a) Research Biases
(b) Extraneous and Confounded Variables.
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