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**THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE [REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY]
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS)

Political Science

POL3C09—RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A (Short Answer Questions)*Answer any **four** questions in a paragraph each.**Each question carries 2 weightages.*

1. Distinguish between Dependent and Independent Variables.
2. What do you mean by Inductive Method ?
3. Distinguish between Bibliography and Foot Notes.
4. What is Secondary Data ?
5. What do you mean by Case Study Method ?
6. What is meant by Plagiarism in research ?
7. Distinguish between Pure and Applied Research.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightages)

Section B (Short Essay Questions)*Answer any **four** questions in about 150 words.**Each question carries 3 weightages.*

8. Discuss the question of objectivity Vs subjectivity in social science research.
9. What do you mean by data processing ? Explain its steps.

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10. Discuss the use and importance of hypothesis in research.
 11. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative research.
 12. Discuss the steps involved in an interview.
 13. Write a note on various types of research designs.
 14. What are the precautions to be taken in the selection and formulation of a research problem ?
- (4 × 3 = 12 weightages)

Section C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions in about 450 words each.*

Each question carries 5 weightages.

15. Bring out the importance of Research Design. What are its major components ?
 16. Discuss about various probability and non-probability sampling techniques, Explain its importance in social science research.
 17. What do you mean by Survey method ? Explain the techniques and process of a social survey.
 18. Elucidate the features of a sound Research Report. Explain its components, style and format.
- (2 × 5 = 10 weightages)