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MA 1st Semester (NEP) Exam. 2023 (W)

ECONOMICS (AEC)

(Research Methodology in Economics)

[PG, S1-04]

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

1. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each in about 400 words): $10 \times 5 = 50$

   (*a*) Discuss the most burning issue relating to violation of research ethics.

   (*b*) Elucidate the importance of review of literature in undertaking social science research. Discuss the important steps a researcher should follow to undertake the research design. $5 + 5 = 10$

   (*c*) Why we need to undertake research in social sciences ? Discuss the different secondary sources of data collection for social science research, with special reference to Economics. $5 + 5 = 10$

   (*d*) Distinguish between quantitative and qualitative processes of research. In which situations are these processes useful ? $5 + 5 = 10$

   (*e*) Discuss how a social science researcher can identify a research problem.

   (*f*) When is case study method of research useful in social research ? Distinguish between case study and focus group discussion methods of research. $5 + 5 = 10$

   (*g*) Distinguish between structured and unstructured types of interviews. Discuss the limitations of interview as a method of data collection. $6 + 4 = 10$

(*h*) Discuss the concept of Sampling. Distinguish between cluster sampling and growth sampling. 5 + 5 = 10

2. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in about 200 words): 5 × 4 = 20

(*a*) Discuss the nature of research in Economics.

(*b*) Discuss the concept of Snowfall sampling.

(*c*) Discuss the concept of Sample.

(*d*) How is questionnaire different from a schedule ? Discuss.

(*e*) Discuss the major limitations of social science research.

(*f*) Distinguish between population and sample.