[24-HKPD1SN-24J (M2)]

MA 1st Semester (NEP) Exam. 2024 (S2)

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 around 400 words) : $10 \times 5 = 50$

   (*a*) What is research ? Explain the significance of social research. 3+7 = 10

   (*b*) Describe the different criteria based on which various types of research are identified. Highlight the key differences between exploratory and descriptive research. 5+5 = 10

   (*c*) Describe the importance of review of literature in social science research. Briefly discuss the 5 e's of review of literature. 5+5 = 10

   (*d*) What is a research problem ? Illustrate the various contributing factors in selection of a research problem. 3+7 = 10

   (*e*) What is a research design ? Describe the major steps in developing a research design. 4+6 = 10

   (*f*) What is sampling ? What are the features of a good sample design ? Explain how cluster sampling is different from stratified sampling. 2+4+4 = 10

   (*g*) Distinguish between primary and secondary data. What are the sources of secondary data ? 6+4 = 10

   (*h*) What are the structured and unstructured interviews ? Mention the advantages and disadvantages of the unstructured interviews. 4+6 = 10

2. Answer any *four* from the following questions (each in around 200 words) : $5 \times 4 = 20$

(*a*) Briefly discuss the major limitations of social science research.

(*b*) What is a case study ? When is a case study conducted ? $2+3 = 5$

(*c*) Briefly explain any two types of non-random sampling.

(*d*) Briefly describe the differences between census and sampling method.

(*e*) How does a questionnaire differ from a schedule ? Mention two merits and two demerits of questionnaire method of data collection. $2+3 = 5$

(*f*) Write a short note on Focus Group Discussion (FGD) as a method of data collection.