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B.A./B.Sc. (Hons.) Sixth Semester

Political Science

Paper – IV [Opt. (i)]: Research Methods in (Political Science) Social Science

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

**NOTE:** Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 which is compulsory and selecting one question from each Unit.

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I. Attempt any nine of the following:-

- a) Briefly define the meaning and nature of "Research" with special reference to the discipline of Political Science.
- b) Enlist any two major limitations of doing research in Political Science.
- c) Highlight any two distinctions between Traditional and Scientific research.
- d) What is meant by Survey research method?
- e) What is the difference between structured and open-ended Questionnaire?
- f) Briefly explain the meaning of "Content Analysis".
- g) Briefly explain the meaning of snowball sampling.
- h) What is the difference between coding and tabulation?
- i) Briefly explain the concept of hypothesis.
- j) Briefly highlight the importance of literature review in the research process.
- k) Briefly highlight the difference between sources of study and research methodology.
- l) What is meant by research problem?
- m) What is meant by participant observation?
- n) How do we determine the relevance of any proposed study?
- o) Briefly explain the difference between mean and median. (9x2)

**UNIT – I**

- II. Discuss the meaning and nature of Social Science research. How does it help in a better understanding of the world we live in? (18)
- III. How is research in Political Science different from Social Sciences? Highlight the specific nature of research in Political Science. (18)

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**UNIT – II**

- IV. What are the major differences between traditional and scientific methods? (18)
- V. What is meant by content-analysis? In what specific areas of research can this method prove useful? (18)

**UNIT – III**

- VI. What is meant by sample? Highlight the importance of various sampling techniques. (18)
- VII. What is meant by data processing? How does coding help in documentation of the data? (18)

**UNIT – IV**

- VIII. What is meant by research design? Discuss the importance of formulation of research problem in the conduct of any research in Political Science. (18)
- IX. Discuss the importance of Literature Review in undertaking any research in Social Sciences in general and Political Science in particular. (18)

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