**TU/CDOE**

**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (AUTUMN 2022)**

**MSO / MASOD 401: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**Time: 3 Hours Total Marks: 70**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks for the individual question.*

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1. Answer **any seven**of the following questions (in one or two sentences): - 2x7=14
2. What is ontological realism?
3. Who wrote the book, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*?
4. What is induction method?
5. What is hermeneutics?
6. What is thick description?
7. Who wrote the book, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*?
8. What is research design?
9. What is the formula for median?
10. What is stratified random sampling?
11. What is the difference between true variation and variation due to error?
12. Answer **any four**of the following questions (100-150 words): -

5x4=20

1. How is idealism as opposed to realism?
2. What was the basis of Aristotle’s metaphysics?
3. What is value-free sociology?
4. Point out two differences between positivism and interpretivism.
5. What are the three sub-processes of data analysis?
6. What are the main concerns for selecting cases?
7. What are the types of in-depth interviews?
8. What is coding in social research?
9. Answer **any four**of the following questions (500-750 words): -

9x4=36

1. Discuss the contributions of Comte and Durkheim to the positivist tradition of thought.
2. Discuss Thomas Kuhn’s conception of the paradigm.

**P.T.O**

1. Is objectivity possible in social sciences? Discuss the relevance of subjectivity and objectivity in social science research.
2. Discuss logical positivism. How is it different from Comtean positivism?
3. ‘Participant observation is the central technique of data collection in ethnographic study’. Discuss.
4. How is the case study method different from other qualitative research approaches?
5. Define theory. What do you understand by grounded theory method?

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