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COURSE: Research Methods II (4666)
Level: M.Sc

Semester: Spring-2025
Marks: 100

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(AD, BS, B.Ed, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode)

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ASSIGNMENT NO.1

Unit (1-5)

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- Q.1 Discuss the relationship between fact and theory. How do both contribute to the scientific process? (20)
- Q.2 What is the purpose of having a standardized procedure in psychological research? Highlight the salient features. (20)
- Q.3 Why is the knowledge of writing mechanics important for a social scientist? Describe some rules for using hyphens in forming words. (20)
- Q.4 Identify the differences between strong and weak explanatory research questions. Explain with examples. (20)
- Q.5 "Research is much concerned with proper fact-finding, analysis and evaluation." Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons in support of your answers. (20)

ASSIGNMENT NO.2

Unit (6-9)

- Q.1 Explain the nature and purpose of a 'questionnaire' used for research studies. How Will you design a questionnaire for conducting a market survey? (20)
- Q.2 Use of primary data is an important part of research, what are its limitations? Discuss in detail. (20)
- Q.3 "A research scholar has to work as a judge and derive the truth and not as a pleader who is only eager to prove his case in favour of his plaintiff." Discuss the statement pointing out the objectives of the research. (20)
- Q.4 Highlight various points to be kept in mind while selecting and formulating a research problem. (20)
- Q.5 What is a document? Describe the classification of documents in detail. (20)