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**Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022**

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**ECONOMICS**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

**Instructions :**

- 1) Answer **any ten** questions each from Section **A** and **B**.
- 2) Each question carries **5** marks.
- 3) No additional Answer sheets will be provided.
- 4) Candidates should clearly indicate the section, Question number in the answer booklet.

**Section – A**

**Research Methodology**

- I. Answer any **ten** questions. All Questions carry equal marks.
1. Discuss the significance of interdisciplinary research in answering policy questions
  2. Compare and contrast the aspects of quantitative and qualitative research.
  3. Identify the problems associated with exploratory and formulative research methods.
  4. What is meant by objectivity in social science research?
  5. Discuss the uses of hypothesis in social science research.
  6. A researcher has to work as a judge not as a pleader'. Judge the validity of this argument.
  7. Prepare a list of criteria to judge the quality of a good research.

8. Prepare a research proposal on an issue related to nutritional deprivation of children in India.
9. Demonstrate the significance of research questions and formulate some research questions based on recent challenge of covid pandemic on Kerala economy.
10. Discuss the difference between probability and non-probability sampling. When should probability sampling be used?
11. Discuss the issues and concerns in conducting observational research.
12. Discuss the significance of pilot study and pretesting in research.
13. How does the case study method differ from the survey method? Analyse the merits and limitations of case study method in social science research.
14. Elaborate the significance of a research report and narrate the various steps involved in writing such a report.
15. How would you justify the use of questionnaire in research? Discuss the process of questionnaire designing and physical characteristics of a questionnaire.

**(10 × 5 = 50 Marks)**

### **Section – B**

### **Economics**

- II. Answer any **ten** questions. All Questions carry equal marks.
1. Explain the concept of elasticity of substitution.
  2. What is the theme of Friedman-Savage hypothesis?
  3. Can you identify the merits and demerits of CES production function?
  4. What are the Measures to correct deficit in balance of payment?
  5. Compare Cost push and demand pull inflation.
  6. Provide a brief account of adaptive expectation hypothesis.
  7. Discuss the effects of business cycle.
  8. Discuss Lucas inter-temporal substitution model.

9. Demonstrate Importance of urbanization.
  10. Illustrate the Emerging issues of population ageing in Kerala.
  11. Discuss whether foreign trade acts as engine of growth or exploitation for LDC.
  12. Briefly examine the various tariff and non tariff barriers in the international trade.
  13. Explain Multi-dimensional Poverty index.
  14. What is sustainable development? Give an overview of sustainable Development goals.
  15. Justify the role of financial system in the economic development of a nation.  
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