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TITLE OF PAPER : **RESEARCH METHODS**

COURSE CODE : **SOC 201**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. **ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.**
2. **ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

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- Q1. Outline the different stages in the research process and explain the purpose for which research is undertaken.
- Q2. Describe the various types of questionnaires and discuss the characteristics of a good questionnaire.
- Q3. Discuss the ethical issues in research.
- Q4. Describe the different steps involved in applying content analysis and identify the units of analysis.
- Q5. You would like to do a survey of students on campus to find out how much time on average they spend studying per week. You obtain a list of all students currently enrolled and draw your sample from this list.
 - (i) What is your sampling frame?
 - (ii) What is your target population?
 - (iii) Explain how you would draw a simple random sample for this study.
 - (iv) How would you obtain a stratified random sample?
- Q6. Why is it important to establish rapport in an interview situation? Explain with reference to a study you are familiar with.
- Q7. Find Chi-square for the following information and state whether the two attributes *condition of home* and *condition of child* are independent.

| <u>Condition of Child</u> | <u>Condition of Home</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Clean | Dirty | |
| Clean | 70 | 50 | 120 |
| Fairly Clean | 80 | 20 | 100 |
| Dirty | 35 | 45 | 80 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>185</u> | <u>115</u> | <u>300</u> |

- Q8. Write short notes any four (4) of the following:
 1. Focus group interviews
 2. Triangulation
 3. Mailed questionnaires
 4. Hypothesis
 5. Normal distribution
 6. Correlation

Table F. Critical Values of Chi Square

| df | Level of significance for a directional test | | | | | |
|----|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | .10 | .05 | .025 | .01 | .005 | .0005 |
| | Level of significance for a non-directional test | | | | | |
| | .20 | .10 | .05 | .02 | .01 | .001 |
| 1 | 1.64 | 2.71 | 3.84 | 5.41 | 6.64 | 10.83 |
| 2 | 3.22 | 4.60 | 5.99 | 7.82 | 9.21 | 13.82 |
| 3 | 4.64 | 6.25 | 7.82 | 9.84 | 11.34 | 16.27 |
| 4 | 5.99 | 7.78 | 9.49 | 11.67 | 13.28 | 18.46 |
| 5 | 7.29 | 9.24 | 11.07 | 13.39 | 15.09 | 20.52 |
| 6 | 8.56 | 10.64 | 12.59 | 15.03 | 16.81 | 22.46 |
| 7 | 9.80 | 12.02 | 14.07 | 16.62 | 18.48 | 24.32 |
| 8 | 11.03 | 13.36 | 15.51 | 18.17 | 20.09 | 26.12 |
| 9 | 12.24 | 14.68 | 16.92 | 19.68 | 21.67 | 27.88 |
| 10 | 13.44 | 15.99 | 18.31 | 21.16 | 23.21 | 29.59 |
| 11 | 14.63 | 17.28 | 19.68 | 22.62 | 24.72 | 31.26 |
| 12 | 15.81 | 18.55 | 21.03 | 24.05 | 26.22 | 32.91 |
| 13 | 16.98 | 19.81 | 22.36 | 25.47 | 27.69 | 34.53 |
| 14 | 18.15 | 21.06 | 23.68 | 26.87 | 29.14 | 36.12 |
| 15 | 19.31 | 22.31 | 25.00 | 28.26 | 30.58 | 37.70 |
| 16 | 20.46 | 23.54 | 26.30 | 29.63 | 32.00 | 39.29 |
| 17 | 21.62 | 24.77 | 27.59 | 31.00 | 33.41 | 40.75 |
| 18 | 22.76 | 25.99 | 28.87 | 32.35 | 34.80 | 42.31 |
| 19 | 23.90 | 27.20 | 30.14 | 33.69 | 36.19 | 43.82 |
| 20 | 25.04 | 28.41 | 31.41 | 35.02 | 37.57 | 45.32 |
| 21 | 26.17 | 29.62 | 32.67 | 36.34 | 38.93 | 46.80 |
| 22 | 27.30 | 30.81 | 33.92 | 37.66 | 40.29 | 48.27 |
| 23 | 28.43 | 32.01 | 35.17 | 38.97 | 41.64 | 49.73 |
| 24 | 29.55 | 33.20 | 36.42 | 40.27 | 42.98 | 51.18 |
| 25 | 30.68 | 34.38 | 37.65 | 41.57 | 44.31 | 52.62 |
| 26 | 31.80 | 35.56 | 38.88 | 42.86 | 45.64 | 54.05 |
| 27 | 32.91 | 36.74 | 40.11 | 44.14 | 46.96 | 55.48 |
| 28 | 34.03 | 37.92 | 41.34 | 45.42 | 48.28 | 56.89 |
| 29 | 35.14 | 39.09 | 42.69 | 46.69 | 49.59 | 58.30 |
| 30 | 36.25 | 40.26 | 43.77 | 47.96 | 50.89 | 59.70 |
| 32 | 38.47 | 42.59 | 46.19 | 50.49 | 53.49 | 62.49 |
| 34 | 40.68 | 44.90 | 48.60 | 53.00 | 56.06 | 65.25 |
| 36 | 42.88 | 47.21 | 51.00 | 55.49 | 58.62 | 67.99 |
| 38 | 45.08 | 49.51 | 53.38 | 57.97 | 61.16 | 70.70 |
| 40 | 47.27 | 51.81 | 55.76 | 60.44 | 63.69 | 73.40 |
| 44 | 51.64 | 56.37 | 60.48 | 65.34 | 68.71 | 78.75 |
| 48 | 55.99 | 60.91 | 65.17 | 70.20 | 73.68 | 84.04 |
| 52 | 60.33 | 65.42 | 69.83 | 75.02 | 78.62 | 89.27 |
| 56 | 64.66 | 69.92 | 74.47 | 79.82 | 83.51 | 94.46 |
| 60 | 68.97 | 74.40 | 79.08 | 84.58 | 88.38 | 99.61 |

The table lists the critical values of chi square for the degrees of freedom shown at the left for tests corresponding to those significance levels which head each column. If the observed value of χ_{obs}^2 is greater than or equal to the tabled value, reject H_0 . All chi squares are positive.

Source: Table F is taken from Table IV of Fisher and Yates, *Statistical Tables for Biological, Agricultural and Medical Research*, published by Longman Group Ltd., London (previously published by Oliver and Boyd, Ltd., Edinburgh), and by permission of the authors and publishers.

Chi-Square

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$$

Rank order Correlation

$$r_{ho} = 1 - \frac{6 \sum D^2}{N(N^2-1)}$$