

**COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS (MGPE-015)
TUTOR MARKED ASSIGNMENT (TMA)**

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Marks: 100

Answer five questions in all, selecting at least two questions from each section. Each question is to be answered in about 500 words. Each question carries 20 marks.

SECTION-I

1. Discuss the various sources of data in social science research.
2. How is a research topic formulated into a research problem?
3. What is ethnographic research? The primary technique used in ethnographic research is participant observation. Elaborate on this statement.
4. What are the different ways of conflict mapping, as presented by Paul Wehr, and William W. Wilmot and Joyce L. Hocker?
5. Why do conflicts take place at the systemic and state levels? Enumerate the realist, liberal and socialist perspectives in this regard.

SECTION-II

Write a short note on each of the following questions in about 250 words:

6.
 - a) Applied research and action research
 - b) Dialectical materialism
7.
 - a) Methodological analysis of the Gandhian framework
 - b) Deduction and induction
8.
 - a) C. Wright Mill's 'sociological imagination' and Weber's 'methodological individualism'
 - b) Methods of narrative analysis
9.
 - a) Testing of hypotheses
 - b) Modes of presentation of qualitative data
10.
 - a) Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)
 - b) Two examples of citation for reference to two or more authors of a book or article