

Indira Gandhi National Open University
Core Course in M.A. Sociology
MSO-002: Research Methodologies and Methods
Tutor Marked Assignment (TMA)

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Maximum Marks : 100

Weightage : 30%

Answer questions from both the sections.

Section –A		Marks
Answer any <i>two</i> of the following questions		
1.	Discuss the contributions of Comte and Durkheim towards a positivist approach.	25
2.	Describe the empiricist approach to the understanding of social reality.	25
3.	Discuss Martin Heidegger’s contribution to the phenomenological approach to Sociology.	25
4.	Distinguish between basic and applied social research. Illustrate with suitable example their use in different contexts.	25
5.	Discuss the relevance of field work research in sociology.	25

Section-B

Write a research report on any *one* of the following topics in about 3000 words.

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| (i). | Social and economic significance of pilgrimage. | 50 |
| (ii). | Main challenges of street vendors in India. | 50 |
| (iii). | Social migration impact on family, kinship and marriage. | 50 |

You can write this report based either on review of literature, or data collected from the primary sources.

For review of literature you are to select either two books or four research articles published recently on the selected topic of your choice. Write a review article focusing on the location of the study, methodology followed and the main findings of these studies.

For the primary source you are to collect two case studies and write a report on the selected topic in a comparative framework. While writing the report spell out clearly the objectives and the problems of the study and

- problematise the issue within the existing/available literature,
- elaborate your observations, finding and conclusion coherently, and
- make proper referencing at the end.