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**Course: Methods of Social Research (9607) Semester: SPRING, 2025**

**Level: PGD**

**Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, BEd, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).**

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.

2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.

3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guide or allied material.

4. Handwritten scanned assignments are not acceptable.

5. Upload your typed (in Word or PDF format) assignments on or before the due date.

6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.

7. Late assignments can’t be uploaded at LMS.

8. The students who attempt their assignments in Urdu/Arabic may upload a scanned copy of their handwritten assignments (in PDF format) on University LMS. The size of the file should not exceed 5MP.

**Total marks: 100 Pass marks: 40 Assignment No. 1**

**(UNIT 1-4)**

***Note: All Assignments will be uploaded on LMS.***

Q. 1 What are alternatives to social research? Write in detail with clear examples. (20)

Q. 2 What is conceptualization, and why is it important in research? How does it assist in defining your research? (20)

Q. 3 Why is choosing a topic of interest important in research? How would you approach selecting a topic that interests you for your future research projects? (20)

Q. 4 How does reviewing literature help in formulating research questions for your study? Provide a clear example to illustrate this process. (20)

Q. 5 How the feasibility of a research project is determined? Give examples. (20)

**Total marks: 100 Pass marks: 40**

**Assignment No. 2**

**(UNIT 5 - 9)**

Q. 1 What are the types of probability sampling? Explain each sampling technique with examples. (20)

Q. 2 Discuss different sources of hypothesis. (20)

Q. 3 What are the key characteristics of different research designs? Provide detailed explanations and clear examples to differentiate each one. (20)

Q. 4 Discuss the importance of observation in regard to qualitative research. Explain your answer with examples. (20)

Q. 5 Discuss different types of research reports. What are the parts of the research report. (20)