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- (b) What is a Comparative Approach?  
Discuss the purpose of this approach  
in Social Science Research.
- (c) Define a 'hypothesis'. What are the  
different ways of testing a hypothesis  
in social science research?

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Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

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Answer **all** Groups as directed

Group—A

1. Answer *all* the questions, each within 1  
word : 1×10=10
- (a) What is Research?
- (b) Name two commonly used search  
engines for social science research.
- (c) Name the measures of central tendency.
- (d) What do you understand by  
Rationalism?
- (e) Give the name of the philosophers  
who laid the foundation of empiricism.

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- (f) What is a paradigm?
- (g) Name two philosophers of functional theory.
- (h) What is a sample?
- (i) What is ethnographic research?
- (j) What is a Likert's scale?

Group—B

- 2.** Answer any *four* questions each within  
100 words : 5×4=20
- (a) Write down the distinction between inductive and deductive reasoning used in social science research.
  - (b) Write a brief note on Empiricism.
  - (c) What is the rationale behind survey research method in social science?
  - (d) What is questionnaire? How will you differentiate it from a schedule?
  - (e) Give an example of standard deviation.
  - (f) What is the relevance of using SPSS for data analysis content?

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Group—C

- 3.** Answer any *four* questions each within  
200 words : 10×4=40
- (a) Write down the key features of Feminist approach in Social Science Research.
  - (b) What is 'ethical' and 'normal' in Social Science Research?
  - (c) Describe different forms of observation as a method of data collection in social research.
  - (d) Describe different types of random sampling.
  - (e) Define Correlation and explain its types.
  - (f) How will you structure the research process in your research?

Group—D

- 4.** Answer any *two* questions each within  
300 words : 15×2=30
- (a) Elaborate the various types of research.