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**MSO 401: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

Full Marks: **70** Time: **3 hours**

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1. What is philosophical realism?
2. What is an epistemology?
3. Who is known as the father of empirical philosophy?
4. Who wrote the book, *The Rules of Sociological Method*?
5. What is hermeneutics?
6. What is ethnography?
7. Who introduced case study method into social sciences?
8. What is coding in social research?
9. What is meant by variables?

2. Answer **any four**of the following questions: 5x4 = 20

1. How many realms does Plato talk about?
2. What is scientific research?
3. Discuss the importance of positivism in social research.
4. Point two differences between positivism and interpretivism.
5. Write two features of quantitative research.
6. Explain sampling error.
7. How do you formulate research questions?

3. Answer **any four**of the following questions: 9x4= 36

1. What is the significance of interpretive philosophy?
2. Discuss Thomas Kuhn’s conception of the paradigm.
3. Discuss the contributions of Emile Durkheim to the positivist tradition of thought.
4. What is a case study method? Explain the merits and demerits of a case study method.
5. What do you understand by research ethics? Why is it important in carrying out a research work?
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