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Examinations Management Office
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Subject: SOC 531 – Research Methods in Sociology II

FM:60

Level/program: Master (M.A) Semester: III Time: 3 Hours

PM: 30

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Attempt ALL of the following Very Short Answer Questions.

10x1=10

1. Which factors contribute to social inequality?
2. How do sociologists interpret leisure activities?
3. Why is evidence-based research important for policy decisions?
4. How can you organize and manage your references effectively?
5. Giving the main conclusion of previous studies.
6. Do references include only the works cited in the text, or do they also include additional reading materials?
7. Which citation style is employed by using American Journal of Sociology?
8. Identify the initial step in developing a new research tool.
9. In what ways do research questions affect the selection of research tools?
10. How do researcher expertise and resource availability affect tool selection?

Attempt any THREE of the Following Short Questions:

3x8=24

11. What are some fundamental questions sociologists asking when studying the social world, and how do these questions help in understanding social phenomena?
12. In which methods does research contribute to the intellectual growth of a discipline like sociology?
13. What strategies do you use to identify credible and reliable sources for your literature review?
14. What are the primary differences between a bibliography and references in academic writing, and how does each contribute to scholarly work?

Attempt any TWO of the Following Long Questions.

2x13 =26

15. How can students select a research theme in sociology that aligns with their interests and contributes to the broader field, and what steps should they take to ensure their research questions are both relevant and methodologically sound?
16. How can you effectively paraphrase and cite sources in your literature review to ensure academic integrity, and what are the common pitfalls to avoid when integrating others' work into your own writing?
17. Describe the citation style for various types of sources in sociological research, including all styles and should each types be formatted.
