

**MASTER OF ARTS (RURAL
DEVELOPMENT)**

Term-End Examination

June, 2006

**MRD-004 : RESEARCH METHODS IN
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note :

- (i) Attempt **all** the five questions.
 - (ii) All questions carry equal marks.
 - (iii) Answer to questions 1 and 2 should not exceed 800 words each.
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1. Identify and explain in brief the main components of a research project. 20

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What do you understand by probability sampling ? Discuss.

2. Describe in brief the important tools of data collection. 20

OR

Define a 'test' and describe in brief the types, uses and limitations of different tests employed in rural development research.

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 400 words each :

- (i) What are the main features of empirical scientific research ? 10

- (ii) Explain in brief any two types of descriptive research. 10
- (iii) Discuss briefly the findings of reviews of studies conducted on any three rural development programmes. 10
- (iv) "Formulation of research problem constitutes the first stage in the research process." Discuss. 10
4. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 200 words each :
- (i) Differentiate between bivariate and trivariate analysis. 5
- (ii) Explain in brief what do you understand by factor analysis. 5
- (iii) Discuss the main elements of critical social research. 5
- (iv) Discuss in brief "casual-comparative studies". 5
- (v) Distinguish between evaluation research and basic research. 5
- (vi) What are the main steps in naturalistic method ? Discuss. 5
5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about 100 words each :
- (i) Applied research 4
- (ii) Review of research in labour and wages 4
- (iii) Stages in research process 4

(iv) Limitations of causal – comparative method	4
(v) Use of evaluation research	4
(vi) Multi-stage sampling	4
(vii) Ratio level of measurement	4
(viii) Measures of relationship	4