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## M.B.A. (Human Resource Management) DEGREE EXAMINATION, 2012

(SECOND YEAR)

(PAPER - XVI)

## 280. BUSINESS RESEARCH METHODS

[Common with M.B.A. (Marketing Management) & M.B.A. (Financial Management)]

December ]

[Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

**SECTION - A**  $(5 \times 5 = 25)$ 

Answer any FIVE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. Explain briefly:
  - (a) Research process.
  - (b) Descriptive research design.

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- (c) Cost of information.
- (d) Applications of SPSS.
- (e) Population parameters.
- (f) Cluster analysis.
- (g) Stratified random sampling.
- (h) Graphs in report writing.

**SECTION - B** 
$$(3 \times 15 = 45)$$

Answer any THREE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

- Why is the selection of problem of research difficult? Explain the sources of problem identification for research.
- 3. Explain the procedure for hypothesis testing.
- 4. Analyse the features of sampling methods.
- Discuss the various application situations of discriminant analysis.
- Why tabulation is considered essential in research study? Narrate the characteristics of a good table.

## **SECTION - C** $(1 \times 15 = 15)$

Answer any ONE question.

- Write a detailed note on the various methods of data collection.
- What is t- test? Explain it with the help of an example.
- 9. What are the different types of research reports? What are the precautions to be observed for writing research report?

SECTION - D 
$$(1 \times 15 = 15)$$

(Compulsory)

 Design a questionnaire to study the impact of a Television commercial.