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**V Semester B.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
5B07POL : Research Methodology in Political Science**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A

Short answer. Answer **all** questions, **each** in **one** or **two** sentences. **Each** question carries **one** mark.

1. Sampling.
2. Digital Database.
3. Ethics Committee.
4. Exploratory Research.
5. Experimental Research.
6. Bibliography.

(6×1=6)

PART – B

Answer **any six** questions, **each** in a paragraph. **Each** question carries **two** marks.

7. Write a short note on the structure of a research report.
8. How do literature review and hypothesis formulation relate to each other ?
9. Define the term "control variable" in the context of design.
10. Define the term "variable" and mention its types.

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11. What is data analysis ?
12. Write a brief note on applied research.
13. What is paraphrasing ?
14. Make a brief comparison between footnotes and endnotes.

(6×2=12)

PART – C

Answer **any four** questions, **each** in **120** words. **Each** question carries **three** marks.

15. Explain the role of referencing in avoiding plagiarism.
16. Discuss the role of a pilot study in designing research.
17. Explain the role of observation as a primary data collection method.
18. What are the main objectives of descriptive research ?
19. Analyze the institutional and infrastructural challenges in conducting research in India.
20. Discuss two key features of scientific research.

(4×3=12)

PART – D

Essay question. Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **five** marks.

21. Define research. Discuss its meaning and significance in the discipline of Political Science.
22. Explain the steps involved in conducting a comprehensive literature review. Discuss the challenges and limitations involved in conducting a literature review.
23. What is a survey ? Write an essay on the steps and principles involved in conducting a survey.
24. Examine the meaning, importance and components of research design. (2×5=10)