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**University of Kerala**

Fourth Semester FYUGP Degree Examination, May 2026

Discipline Specific Core Course

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**UK4DSCPOS200 - Research in Political Science**

Academic Level: 200-299

**2024 Admission**

**Time: 2 Hours(120 Mins)**

**Max. Marks: 56**

**Part A. 6 Marks:Time 5 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Remember(RE)/Understand(UN)) Objective Type.1 mark each, Answer all questions**

| Qn No. | Question                                              | CL | CO |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| 1      | What is research?                                     | RE | 1  |
| 2      | What is a questionnaire?                              | RE | 2  |
| 3      | What is the main objective of the tabulation of data? | UN | 4  |
| 4      | What is the final step in a research process?         | UN | 4  |
| 5      | Name any one source of secondary data.                | UN | 2  |
| 6      | Name any one method used in qualitative research.     | UN | 1  |

**Part B. 10 Marks.Time:20 Minutes (Cognitive Level:Understand(UN)/Apply(AP))Two-three sentences.2 marks each.Answer all questions**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                            | CL | CO |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
| 7      | How can proper referencing helps to avoid plagiarism?                               | UN | 3  |
| 8      | Explain the significance of research in Political Science.                          | UN | 1  |
| 9      | Illustrate how primary and secondary data are used in social science research.      | AP | 2  |
| 10     | Illustrate an example of a research question for a topic on Environmental Politics. | AP | 3  |
| 11     | What is plagiarism ?                                                                | AP | 3  |

**Part C. 16 Marks.Time:35 Minutes.(Cognitive Level :Apply(AP)/Analyse(AN))Short Answer.4 marks each, Answer all 4 questions,choosing among options \* within each question**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CL | CO   |
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| 12     | <p>A)<br/>Explain the steps of a research process.</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Explain how a researcher can avoid plagiarism while preparing a dissertation.</p>                                                                       | AP | 4, 4 |
| 13     | <p>A)<br/>Demonstrate how to frame research questions and objectives for a study on media and politics.</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Formulate a hypothesis for a study on the impact of social media on political awareness.</p>       | AP | 2, 2 |
| 14     | <p>A)<br/>Assess the strengths and limitations of qualitative research in studying political phenomena.</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Examine the advantages and limitations of quantitative research in Political Science research.</p> | AN | 1, 1 |
| 15     | <p>A)<br/>Analyse the efficacy of Secondary Data Collection Methods</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Distinguish Survey Method and Case Study Method</p>                                                                                    | AN | 4, 4 |

**Part D. 24 Marks. Time: 60 Minutes. (Cognitive Level :Analyse(AN)/Evaluate(EV)/Create(CR)) Long Answer 6 Marks each. Answer all 4 questions choosing among options \* within each question**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CL | CO   |
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| 16     | <p>A)<br/>Analyse the importance of ethical considerations in political science research.</p> <p>OR<br/>B)<br/>Analyse the role of APA citation style in improving the credibility and presentation of academic research reports.</p> | AN | 1, 4 |
| 17     | <p>A)<br/>Critically evaluate the use of survey method in studying public opinion in India.</p>                                                                                                                                       | EV | 3, 5 |

| <b>Qn<br/>No.</b> | <b>Question</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>CL</b> | <b>CO</b> |
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|                   | OR<br>B)<br>Evaluate the usefulness of non-probability sampling in social science studies.                                                                                                                                      |           |           |
| 18                | A)<br>Evaluate the importance of editing in improving data quality.<br>OR<br>B)<br>Evaluate the components of a synopsis.                                                                                                       | EV        | 5, 2      |
| 19                | A)<br>Prepare a dissertation outline for a research study on the relationship between media and politics.<br>OR<br>B)<br>Design a research study to examine the influence of social media on violent behaviour among teenagers. | CR        | 4, 4      |