

STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 086
(For candidates admitted from the academic year 2015–2016 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE: 15IS/PC/RM24

M. A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2017
BRANCH II (E) – INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
TIME : 3 HOURS **MAX. MARKS: 100**

SECTION – A

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING. ALL QUESTIONS
CARRY EQUAL MARKS. EACH ANSWER SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1500 WORDS:
(5 X 20 = 100)

1. Discuss the meaning of 'research' and its significance in science(s) and social sciences. Examine the characteristics of scientific research in social sciences.
2. Define the terms 'epistemology', 'ontology' and 'research paradigm'. Describe methodological approaches to the study of international relations as a subject of inquiry
3. What is Research Design and discuss in detail of its characteristic features and components
4. Define 'Hypothesis'. Discuss the characteristics of good hypothesis along with the description of its methods for reasoning and potential for verification
5. Write a feminist critique of international relations with qualitative research inputs.
6. What are the different methods of research? Discuss Historical Method in the context of the study of international relations.
7. What is Data Collection? Examine the various methods and techniques of Data Collection
8. What is data analysis and discuss different methods of data analysis?
9. What is 'case study method' and discuss its characteristics, significance and impact on social sciences with appropriate examples
10. Write an interdisciplinary research proposal based on your academic-research interest with methodological justifications
