



PG – 714

**II Semester M.F.A. Examination, June 2015  
(Semester Scheme) (CBCS)  
FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING  
Paper – 2.7 SC : Business Research Methods**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

**Instruction : Answer all questions.**

**SECTION – A**

1. Answer **any seven** sub-questions. Each sub-question carries **two** marks. **(2×7=14)**
- Differentiate Business Research from Market Research.
  - What is Data Mining ?
  - What is a Standard Error ?
  - What is Semantic Differential Scale ?
  - What is Transcription ?
  - What is Confidence Interval ?
  - What is 'Likert Scale' ?
  - What is Discriminant Analysis ?
  - What is 'Z' test ?
  - What is Cross Tabulation ?
  - List out steps in Sampling Design.

**SECTION – B**

Answer **any four** questions. Each question carries **five** marks. **(4×5=20)**

- Differentiate exploratory research design from descriptive research design.
- Briefly explain the data collection methods, summarisation and presentation.
- Distinguish multi scale sampling plan from stratified sampling plan.
- Differentiate Cluster Analysis from Factor Analysis, with a suitable example.

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- 6. Explain the tools of collecting data.
- 7. Briefly explain major types of Statistical Analysis.

SECTION – C

Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **twelve** marks. **(3×12=36)**

- 8. As a researcher, how do you organise a research report ? Explain with an example.
- 9. Discuss the concept of level of significance and the 'P' value in testing of hypothesis, highlighting the stages involved in hypothesis testing.
- 10. Explain the concepts and criticality of probability and non probability sampling designs in Business Research.
- 11. Explain key types of observational research studies highlighting advantages and limitations of the observational methods.
- 12. Experimental designs determine quality and objectives of a business research process. Explain with suitable examples.