

University of Ruhuna
Master of Arts in Peace and Development Studies
First Semester End Examination - June 2017
PDS 6135 - Research Methods

Answer only **four (04)** Questions

Time: 3 Hours

01. Define what social science research is and elucidate main characteristics of scientific research with relevant examples. (15 marks)
02. (i) Explain 'Deductive' and 'Inductive' approaches in a research. (05 marks)
- (ii) Describe 'Linearity Connection' in quantitative research process. (10 marks)
03. In which social science research 'Phenomenological and Ethnographical approaches' are used? Examine with examples. (15 marks)
04. "Survey is a widely used method of gathering information". How do you justify this statement? (15 marks)
05. Briefly explain the sequential steps necessary to follow when writing a scientific thesis.
- Or
- Explain key components of a research proposal in social science research. (15 marks)
06. Examine the advantages and disadvantages of using secondary data in social science research. (15 marks)
07. "A focus group is a carefully planned discussion designed to obtain perception on a defined area of interest in permissive, nonthreatening environment". Discuss. (15 marks)