

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

Answer only **four (04)** Questions

Total Marks - 60

Time: 3 Hours

1. Briefly explain the three basic objectives of social science research.
2. "A research problem is an intellectual stimulus calling for a response in the form of scientific inquiry". Discuss with examples.
3. Write three hypotheses related to the investigations in peace and development studies.
4. "The case study design in social science research refers to a rather intensive examination of some single unit". Explain.
5. Examine the advantages and the disadvantages of using observation method to collect data in social science research.
6. Provide a detail description on qualitative data analysis methods in social science research.
7. Write note on any **three (03)** of the followings;
 - a) Epistemology
 - b) Positivism
 - c) Primary data
 - d) In-depth interviews
 - e) Questionnaire method

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