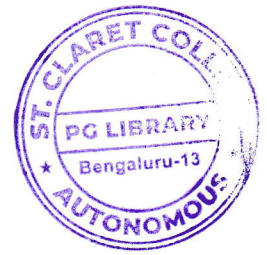


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PG END SEMESTER EXAMINATION-JUNE/JULY 2026

M.Sc PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING SEMESTER II

MPC 2425 : QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS

TIME: 3 hours.

MAX. MARKS: 70

This paper contains TWO printed pages and THREE parts

Instructions:

1. Verify and ensure that the question paper is completely printed.
2. Any discrepancies or questions about the exam paper must be reported to the COE within 1 hour after the examination.
3. Students must check the course title and course code before answering the questions.

PART-A

Answer **FOUR** questions out of **SIX**. Each answer carries **FIVE** marks.

[5x4 = 20]

1. Outline the key characteristics of qualitative research.
2. Explain reliability and validity in qualitative research.
3. Discuss the role of conceptual mapping in qualitative research design.
4. Differentiate ontology and epistemology.
5. Explain the use of Focus Group Discussion in qualitative research.
6. What is triangulation? State its significance in qualitative research.

PART-B

Answer any **TWO** questions out of **THREE**. Each answer carries **TEN** marks.

[10x2=20]

7. Describe the major steps involved in conducting qualitative research.
8. Explain sampling strategies used in qualitative research with suitable examples.
9. Compare Ethnography and Phenomenology as qualitative research methods.

PART-C

Answer any TWO questions out of THREE. Each answer carries FIFTEEN marks

[15X2=30]

10. Discuss the role of mixed methods in psychological research and explain how a qualitative study may be designed.
11. Critically evaluate qualitative research techniques with reference to Focus Group Discussion, Conversation Analysis and Discourse Analysis.
12. Explain the process of qualitative data analysis with reference to coding, thematic analysis and grounded theory.
