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MBA/MBA(IB) (2016 to 2017) (Sem.-2) RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Subject Code: MBA-206 M.Code: 49101

Time: 3 Hrs. Max. Marks: 60

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

- 1. SECTION-A contains SIX questions carrying FIVE marks each and students has to attempt any FOUR questions.
- 2. SECTION-B consists of FOUR Subsections: Units-I, II, III & IV. Each Subsection contains TWO questions each carrying EIGHT marks each and student has to attempt any ONE question from each Subsection.
- 3. SECTION-C is COMPULSORY carrying EIGHT marks.

SECTION A

- 1. What is a research problem? How is it different from a managerial problem?
- 2. Explain the significance of employing scaling techniques.
- 3. Differentiate between the questionnaire and schedule.
- 4. What is KMO test in factor analysis?
- 5. List various non probability sampling methods.
- 6. Differentiate between t test and ANOVA

SECTION B

UNIT I

- 7. What are the steps involved in research process? Also explain how is a research problem identified and selected, giving examples.
- 8. Discuss and differentiate between the various types of research designs.

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UNIT-II

9. What is factor analysis? Write detailed interpretation of the following table :

Component	1	nitial Eigen	ivalues	Extraction Sums of Squared			
				Loadings			
	Total	% of	Cumulative	Total	% of	Cumulative	
		Variance	%		Variance	%	
1	9.064	32.373	32.373	9.064	32.373	32.373	
2	2.787	9.954	42.328	2.787	9.954	42.328	
3	1.664	5.944	48.272	1.664	5.944	48.272	
4	1.515	5.409	53.681	1.515	5.409	53.681	
5	1.180	4.215	57.896	1.180	4.215	57.896	
6	.991	3.539	61.435				
7	.925	3.304	64.739				
8	.819	2.924	67.663				
9	.793	2.832	70.495				
10	.744	2.657	73.152				
11	.705	2.518	75.670				
12	.654	2.336	78.005				
13	.623	2.224	80.229				
14	.574	2.051	82.281				
15	.545	1.945	84.225				
16	.516	1.841	86.067				
17	.487	1.740	87.806				
18	.454	1.621	89.427				
19	.423	1.511	90.938				
20	.382	1.363	92.301				
21	.341	1.218	93.519				
22	.334	1.193	94.712				
23	.309	1.102	95.814				
24	.293	1.046	96.860				
25	.260	.928	97.788				
26	.248	.887	98.675				
27	.207	.738	99.414				
28	.164	.586	100.000				

10. Draw a detailed structure of the report on "Relationship between perceived risk and intention to use mobile banking."

UNIT-III

- 11. Explain the various methods of data collection and examine its relative merits.
- 12. Write short notes on following:
 - i) Difference between editing and coding.
 - ii) Characteristics of a good questionnaire

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UNIT-IV

- 13. What are descriptive statistics? Why are they calculating in a research project? Discuss some of the indicators of descriptive statistics.
- 14. Discuss and differentiate between correlation and regression. Also explain the various types of correlation giving examples.

SECTION C

15. Case Study:

Better Bargain Supermarkets, a national chain, has followed the industry practice of "loss leader" pricing for many years. On Wednesday their price specials for the Thursday through Saturday period appear in the paper along with those of their competitors. The decisions as to which products to promote are made at the corporate level in committee meeting several weeks before the announced price specials so as to allow time to secure adequate stocks. The decisions have been historically judgemental in that they have been based more on "feel" rather than any empirical data. Some of the promotions have been successful and others unsuccessful, as might be expected, based on the number of customers entering the store, total store sales for the period, and sales of the particular advertised specials.

The committee is interested in taking a more systematic approach to the decisions regarding which products to promote and the size of the discounts offered. One of the real concerns of the committee is in determining which meat specials to offer, for example, chicken, beef, or pork. The committee has called you in as consultant to help it assess the impact of various loss leader offerings. It is interested in developing the methodology by which the assessments can be effected using the meat specials as a vehicle.

Design an experiment to test the effectiveness of various meat promotions and varioussized discounts on the meat promoted. Record the experimental components below :

Questions:

- i. What is the experimental stimulus? Describe the treatments.
- ii. Describe the dependent variable(s) and how it (they) will be measured.
- iii What or who are the test units?
- iv. What extraneous factors would affect the interpretation of the results? Indicate whether your design controls for the effects or not.
- v. Represent the experiment symbolically (using the symbols, R, O and X) and briefly describe the experiment.

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