

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA  
FACULTY OF ARTS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2017/2018**

**SOC 2219 – Research Methodology**

**Two (02) Hours**

**Answer Three (03) questions only**

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1. 'Formulating research questions or hypotheses is the foundation step for conducting a successful research'. Do you agree with this statement? Discuss with relevant examples.
2. 'When selecting a probability random sample a researcher needs to give an equal and independent chance to each and every person in the population'. Do you agree with this statement? Elaborate your answer with suitable examples.
3. Discuss how a research may differ based on its application, objective and type of information sought.
4. What are the main objectives of conducting a literature survey? Discuss with suitable examples.
5. 'Every research technique has its own advantages and disadvantages. In this context, researchers use more than one technique to minimize disadvantages and increase advantages.' Examine this statement with relevant examples.
6. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.
  - i. Mixed sampling method
  - ii. Case Study
  - iii. Focus group interviews
  - iv. Research ethics

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