

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

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2018/2019

SOC 2219 – Research Methodology

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. **Either**

‘A scientific social research is a logical process of interconnected steps.’ Discuss with relevant examples.

Or

Explain with relevant examples how data analysis differs based on the nature of the data.

2. Describe how a study design varies according to the number of contacts with the respondents and the reference period?
3. ‘When selecting a sample, it is better to use both random and non random sampling techniques.’ Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer by using an example.
4. ‘Research ethics should be interpreted in the perspectives of all the stakeholders involved in the research.’ Discuss this statement.
5. Explain the main differences between a focus group interview and an in-depth interview using relevant examples.
6. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics
- (i) Operationalization of concepts
 - (ii) Research questions and hypotheses
 - (iii) Triangulation
 - (iv) Literature review
