

# University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

### Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights- 2020/2021

#### First Semester-End Examination (Online)

#### PgDHR 5104: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

(2 hours)

Total Number of questions: 04

Answer any **TWO (02)** questions and **NO MORE**

(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.)

---

1. Identify a researchable problem relating to any one of the following which represents violation of human rights in the country, society or in a community and write a research proposal (two to three pages) to be submitted for a research study.

- Resettlement due to war-related reasons
- Labour migration to Middle East
- Domestic Violence

Your research proposal should contain the following components:

- i. Title – 2 marks
- ii. Introduction/Background of the study – 3 marks
- iii. Research problem and research questions (at least three) – 6 marks
- iv. Objectives (at least three) – 4 marks
- v. Hypotheses (at least two) – 5 marks
- vi. Theoretical framework – 5 marks
- vii. Research methods – 5 marks

(Total – 30 marks)

2. Write a brief essay on the key differences of qualitative and quantitative research methods, with special reference to the following:

- Generalisability
- Subjectivity
- Reliability
- Labour intensiveness
- Exploring contextual realities

Use examples wherever necessary to show the differences clearly.

(Total – 30 marks)

3. Ethical researchers always attempt to protect research participants, to conduct all the steps of the research honestly and to disseminate results clearly and openly. However, this does not always have an easy formula.

Assuming that you are designing a research to study women's and children's rights in Sri Lanka (you can decide a sub area), briefly explain at least five ethical concerns you may face in the different stages of the research and justifications for the decisions you will make in those situations.

(Total – 30 marks)

4. Write short notes on the following:

- a. Literature review
- b. Hypotheses
- c. Sampling
- d. Field research
- e. Coding

(Total – 30 marks)

\*\*\*\*\*