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IV Semester B.A. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, April 2025
(2019 to 2023 Admissions)

CORE COURSE IN ECONOMICS/DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS
**4B05 ECO/DEV ECO : Research Methods and Techniques for Economic
Analysis**

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks : 30

PART – A

Answer **all** questions.

1. Which method involves testing hypotheses using controlled conditions ?
2. What does NAS stands for ?
3. What is the ethical issue of copying someone's work without credit ? (3×1=3)

PART – B

Answer **any 5** questions.

4. Define positive science in Economics.
5. Why is organizing controlled experiments difficult in social sciences ?
6. What is the role of theory in economic research ?
7. Why is structuring a research report important ?
8. Define a research problem.
9. Discuss any two characteristics of a good research problem.
10. What is the difference between primary and secondary data ? (5×2=10)

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PART – C

Answer **any 4** questions.

11. Discuss the major problems faced in social science research.
12. What are the main steps in the research process ?
13. Discuss the significance of theory and hypothesis in economic research, with suitable examples.
14. Explain the importance of footnotes, bibliography and references in a research report.
15. Compare and contrast deductive and inductive methods in Economic research. Give examples of how each method is applied in economic studies.
16. Evaluate the contribution of the NSSO in collecting and disseminating socio-economic data. (4×3=12)

PART – D

Answer **any one** questions.

17. Explain the different research methods in Economics, comparing their features, advantages and limitations.
18. Explain the differences between census and sampling methods, highlighting their advantages and disadvantages. (1×5=5)