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End Semester Examination, December 2024

Bachelor of Arts (Honours/Honours with Research) Psychology –3rd Semester
QUALITATIVE METHODS IN DATA ANALYSIS (VAC177)

Time: 2.5 hrs.

Max Marks: **50**

Note: *All Questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Q.1 Attempt any five questions:

- (a) Define qualitative research and describe its significance in the development of psychological theories. [CO-1] [L-] **2**
- (b) Analyze the impact of epistemological orientations on the choice of qualitative methods in psychological research. [CO-1] [L-] **2**
- (c) Elaborate on the importance of ethical considerations in conducting narrative analysis studies. [CO-1] [L-2] **2**
- (d) Discuss the differences between observational and ethnographic methods in qualitative research. [CO-1] [L-2] **2**
- (e) What are the main challenges faced in applying grounded theory in psychological research? [CO-1] [L-2] **2**
- (f) Evaluate the advantages of using software tools like NVivo in the thematic analysis of qualitative data. [CO-1] [L-2] **2**
- (g) Provide a critique of the conversational analysis method in qualitative research, citing its potential biases and strengths. [CO-1] [L-2] **2**

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PART-B

- Q.2 Explore the philosophical underpinnings of qualitative research and discuss how they influence research design in psychology. [CO-2] [L-3] **10**

OR

Debate the importance of reflexivity in qualitative research and its impact on the validity of research findings. [CO-2] [L-3] **10**

- Q.3 Outline a detailed plan for an ethnographic study within a community setting, including key research questions, methodology, and expected challenges. [CO-3] [L-3] **10**

OR

Discuss the integration of ethical considerations into the research design of phenomenological studies, with examples from recent research. [CO-3] [L-3] **10**

- Q.4 Explain how grounded theory can be effectively applied to analyze social phenomena in educational psychology. Include key steps and expected outcomes. [CO-4] [L-4] **10**

OR

Critically assess the observation method's application in developmental psychology studies, focusing on its effectiveness in gathering nuanced data. [CO-4] [L-4] **10**

- Q.5 Discuss how narrative analysis can be utilized to explore identity and personal change in therapy sessions. Provide methodological details and expected insights. [CO-5] [L-4] **10**

OR

Analyze the role of thematic analysis in research on group dynamics, including its potential to uncover underlying social structures.

[CO- 5] [L-4] **10**