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LEGAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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Pass Marks : 32

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The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Legal research involves many components but basically it involves knowledge creation and management for which it is at times regarded as a basic foundation of research.
Explain and expand the diverse aspects and components involved in knowledge creation and management. 16

Or

The foundation of a sound, effective and meaningful research work lies in developing,

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planning and executing the work through a proper strategy. How do you view the development of a strategy for legal research? Examine the various issues and aspects that come into play in formulating a research strategy.

2. Legal research in order to be effective and productive has to have a proper research design and the investigation has to be based on a scientific method.

What do you mean by scientific method? Does one conducting research in law require or need to confine oneself to any specific scientific methodology or can it traverse across disciplines? Elucidate illustratively. 16

Or

An important aspect of legal research is considered to be the adoption of a sound hypothesis.

What is the mechanism adopted to formulate and establish a sound hypothesis? Explain elaborately on the utility of a sound hypothesis.

3. Analytical and historical research has to be approached by a 'weighing and balancing' of rival view points, involving an articulate research process.

Discuss in detail the research process that is required to be undertaken in such research. 16

Or

What is the significance and importance of case analysis and case law analysis in the arena of doctrinal research? Relate the fields of investigations in which such an approach is considered suitable.

Attempt a critique of the case analysis indicating its shortcomings, if any.

4. What do you imply by sampling and scaling trends? To what extent these methods can be profitably utilized by researchers? In which or what form a researcher can take recourse to sampling and scaling? What according to you is the utility and why? Explain with adequate reasoning. 16

Or

What do you mean by the term 'induction'? Critically analyse the basic issues involved in induction and its role in research. Which form of research does have its utility, and why?

5. Available 'aggregate data' may provide a focus on, and important insight into, a particular social issue, because it is one of the precise methods that could form a base for further discussion. Consequently, the relations between the various variables of a system or data are highlighted.

In view of the above, attempt an analysis of the importance of data collection as well as the scope and utility of data analysis and interpretation in legal research.

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Or

While writing a research report the most important point to be kept in mind is its function or utility.

What ought to be the major components of a research report? Elucidate, keeping in view the strategy, presentation and techniques involved.