

National Institute of Open Schooling
Senior Secondary Course: Sociology
Lesson 4: Methods and Techniques of Research in Sociology
Worksheet – 4

Note: Write your name, enrolment numbers, AI name and subject on the first page of the answer sheet.

1. Suppose you are using historical method to understand social phenomena, which sources of information will you use in your research?
2. How would you describe that historical method was used in the studies of origin of capitalism by Max Weber?
3. Under what conditions, comparative method is most useful in Sociological research?
4. What is your viewpoint regarding the use of comparative-historical approach by Durkheim in understanding suicide rate?
5. “The research studies that use experimental method have certain of the characteristics of the comparative method”. Explain the statement with suitable examples.
6. Describe the method whose central concern is with the source of order and stability in society.
7. If you are asked to write the literacy rate of your state from 1951 to 2011, which of the government data would you refer to? Also write the literacy data of your state in the following order.

Year	Your Own State
1951	
1961	
1971	
1981	
1991	
2001	
2011	

8. Why do you think that successful employment of participant observation method requires a high degree of maturity?
9. Compare and contrast the difference between Structured and Unstructured Observation.
10. Do you think that surveys use samples in research? Justify your answer with examples.