

Q1. describe research and how it is define?

the systematic investigation into the study of material and resources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusion. it is the purposive investigation or inquiry of a problem or issue of a discipline. So it is the inquiry that entails collection of data, documentation of critical information and analysis and interpretation of that data or information in accordance with suitable methodologies set by specific professional fields and academic disciplines.

Q2: Define and distinguish between applied and basic research?

Applied research: it refers to scientific study and research that seek to solve practical problems affecting an individual or group. it is used to find solutions to everyday problems. it is used in business, medicine and education in order to find solutions that may improve health, solve scientific problems or develop new technology. through this research problems can be solved by investigations and good managerial decision making.

Basic research: research done to enhance the understanding of certain problems that commonly occur in organization setting, and seek methods for solving them it is also known as pre research.

- applied research solves particular life problems while basic research expands current knowledge.
- Applied is practical and descriptive in nature while basic is theoretical and exploratory in nature.
- Applied has more specific scope while basic has wider scope.
- applied has direct commercial objectives while basic does not have direct commercial objectives.

Q4: Define literature survey?

it is the documentation of a comprehensive remarks or reviews of the published and unpublished work from secondary sources of data in the areas of specific interest to the researcher. it is a rich storage base for secondary data and researcher used to spend several weeks and sometimes months going through books, journals, newspapers, magazines and conference proceedings, government publication and financial, marketing and other reports to find information on their research topic.

2: define secondary data?

Secondary data is usually defined in opposition to primary data. the latter is directly obtained from first hand sources by means of questionnaire, observation, focus group or in depth interviews. in other words secondary data refers to data that have already been collected for some other purpose yet such data may be very useful for one research purpose. it may be available in published and unpublished form. when it is not possible to collect the data by primary method the investigator goes for secondary method. these are usually in journals, periodicals, daily research publications, official records etc.

- It can be useful to identify the problems.
- better define the problems.
- develop an approach to the problem.
- interpret primary data more insightfully.

3: Exploratory study: define as a research used to investigate a problem which is not clearly defined. It is conducted to have a better understanding of the existing problem but will not provide conclusive results. For such a research a researcher starts with a general idea and uses this research as a medium to identify issues that can be focused for future research. An important aspect here is that the researcher should be willing to change as her direction is subject to the revelation of new data or insight. Such a research is usually carried out when the problem is at a preliminary stage. It is often referred to as grounded theory approach or interpretive research as it is used to answer questions like what, why and how.

4: sampling: the process by which a researcher selects a representative subset or part of the total population that could be studied for their topic so that they will be able to draw conclusions about the entire population. Like if a drug manufacturer would like to research the adverse side effects of a drug on the country population, it is almost impossible to conduct research that involves everyone. In this case the researcher decides on a sample of people from each demographic and then researches them, giving him or her indicative feedback on the drug behaviour.

Q3: Enlist and shortly discuss the steps of research process?

Step 1: define research problem: there are two types of research problems those relate to

1: the states of nature.

2: relationship between variables. essentially two steps are involved in defining a research problem: understanding the problem thoroughly and rephrasing the same into meaningful terms from an objective point of view.

step 2: review of literature: once the problem is defined a brief summary of it should be written down. It is compulsory for a research worker writing a thesis for a PhD degree to write a synopsis of the topic and submit it to the necessary committee or the research board for approval.

step 3: Formulate hypothesis: formulate hypothesis is a tentative assumption made in order to draw out and test its logical or empirical consequences. hypothesis should be very specific and limited to the piece of research in hand because it has to be tested. the role of hypothesis is to guide the researcher by delimiting the area of research and to keep him on the right track.

step 4: preparing the research design: the function of research design is to provide for the collection of relevant evidence with minimal expenditure of effort, time and money. research purpose may be

grouped into four categories exploration, description, diagnosis, experimentation.

Step 5: data collection: primary data may be collected through

- by observation.
- through conducting personal interviews.
- through telephone interviews.
- by mailing of questionnaire
- through schedules.

Step 6: data analysis: the analysis of data require a number of closely related operations such as establishment of categories.

- coding.
- editing
- tabulation

step 7: interpretation and report writing: researcher has to prepare the report of what has been done by him.

writing of report includes

- the preliminary pages
- the main text and the end matter.