

In the name of Allah, the most compassionate the most merciful

Research paradigms past papers

1-The study of knowledge is:

- a. Epistemology.
- b. Ontology.
- c. Methodology.
- d. Phenomenology.
- e. Axiology.

2-Pragmatism argues:

- a. That you adopt the research philosophy that you want.
- b. That the most important determinant of the research method adopted is the research question.
- c. That you make it up as you go along.
- d. The art of the possible.

3-Features of qualitative research include all of the following EXCEPT:

- a. Utilises an etic approach.
- b. Utilises bottom-up approach (specific to general).
- c. Generalizability is not a guiding principle.
- d. Based in an interpretive paradigm.
- e. Follows an inductive approach.

4-What does a positivist believe?

- a. Research question is the pivotal point for the selection of method.
- b. None of the choices are correct.
- c. Knowledge is always open to further investigation and the truth of any matter is always forthcoming.
- d. Research operates in an objective world.
- e. The world is socially constructed.

5-Epistemology is the branch of philosophy that deals with:

- a. The nature of knowledge.
- b. The nature of value.
- c. The nature of existence.
- d. The nature of ethics.
- e. The nature of beauty.

6-Which of the following is not a contrast between quantitative and qualitative research?

- a. Interpretivist vs. pragmatism.
- b. Deductive vs. inductive.
- c. Distance vs. proximity of researcher to participants.
- d. Fixed predetermined vs. emergent and flexible design.
- e. Generalization vs. contextual understanding.

7-Research paradigm that relies on abductive reasoning is:

- a. Empiricism.
- b. Objectivism.
- c. Positivism.
- d. Interpretivism.
- e. Pragmatism.

8-Which of the following statements is correct regarding etic perspective:

- a. Refers to the insider's view of reality.
- b. Knowledge is objective.
- c. Knowledge is subjective.
- d. It is qualitatively oriented.
- e. Based in an interpretivist paradigm.

9-Which of the following is true regarding constructivism paradigm?

- a. Knowledge is established through the meanings attached to the topic under scrutiny.
- b. Knowledge is generated through measurement of the phenomenon under study.
- c. Based essentially on mixed methods research design.
- d. Knowledge is contextless.
- e. Relies on predefined dependent and independent variables.

10-Which of the following is true regarding constructivism paradigm?

- a. Enable researchers to develop universal laws and findings.
- b. Researchers are critical realists who rely on predefined dependent and independent variables.
- c. Statistical tests can be misused leading to misinterpretation within research due to selection of incorrect test of statistics.
- d. The data gathered and analysed would be less likely to be generalised given the consideration that data were mainly dependent on a specific viewpoints and values.
- e. Its significance is largely dependent on the sample size.

11-Which of the following statements is TRUE in regard to Epistemology?

- a. Comes from the Greek word episteme, which means being.
- b. Focuses on propositional knowledge.
- c. It has no intimate association with ontology and methodology.
- d. Deals with values, as those of ethics, aesthetics, or religion.
- e. A systematic account of existence.

12-paradigm?

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Answers

1	A	7	E
2	B	8	B
3	A	9	A
4	D	10	D
5	A	11	B
6	A	12	A

13-"There are multiple realities, and each is seen as a construct" is described by:

- Interpretivism

14-True about deductive method:

- formulate hypothesis and test theories

15-True about etic:

- concerned with objectivity

16-Wrong about epistemology:

- a view of nature of reality

17-True about pragmatism:

- answers research questions from various perspectives

18-Set of beliefs that guide actions:

- paradigms

19-"There are multiple realities, and each is seen as a construct":

- Interpretivism

20-emic:

- insider's view

21-not absolute meaning for research methodology:

- (definition of methodology, different investigation approaches, disciplined sth to generate knowledge, study of understanding how research is conducted methodically).

بل إن العلمَ الحقَّ هو الذي يباعد بين الطالب ودنياه، فإذا كان العكس دلَّ ذلك على ارتباكٍ في نيته وصدق قصده، ولذلك قال سفيان (١٦١ هـ): (ما ازدادَ عبدٌ علمًا فازدادَ في الدنيا رغبةً إلا ازدادَ من الله بُعْدًا).

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