

Chapter-2 Collection of Data

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTION (One mark questions)

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2. Give the meaning of secondary data.

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3. Write the meaning of population in statistics.

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4. Define sample.

Ans. Sample is a group of items taken from the population for investigation and representative of all the items or universe.

5. What is sampling error?

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6. What are nonsampling errors?

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7. Write the name of statistical method which is less expensive and time saving.

Ans. Sampling survey.

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4 Marks Questions

1. Differentiate between primary and secondary data.
2. Write four merits of census method of collecting the data.
3. Mention three demerits of sample method of collecting the data.
4. Distinguish between sampling and nonsampling errors.
5. What is meant by census method?
6. What do you mean by random sampling?
7. Discuss the term 'universe' and 'sample' with example.
8. Census of India is the main source of secondary data. explain.
9. What is pilot survey? explain its importance.



6 Marks Questions

1. What do you understand by 'questionnaire'? Write the essential characteristics of a good questionnaire.
2. Distinguish between census and sample method of collecting primary data.
3. What is NSSO? Write its functions.
4. Compare the census and sample method of collecting data with reference to reliability, time involved and cost.
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of collecting primary data by personal interview and mailed questionnaire.
6. Do samples provide better results than surveys? Give reasons for our answer?

