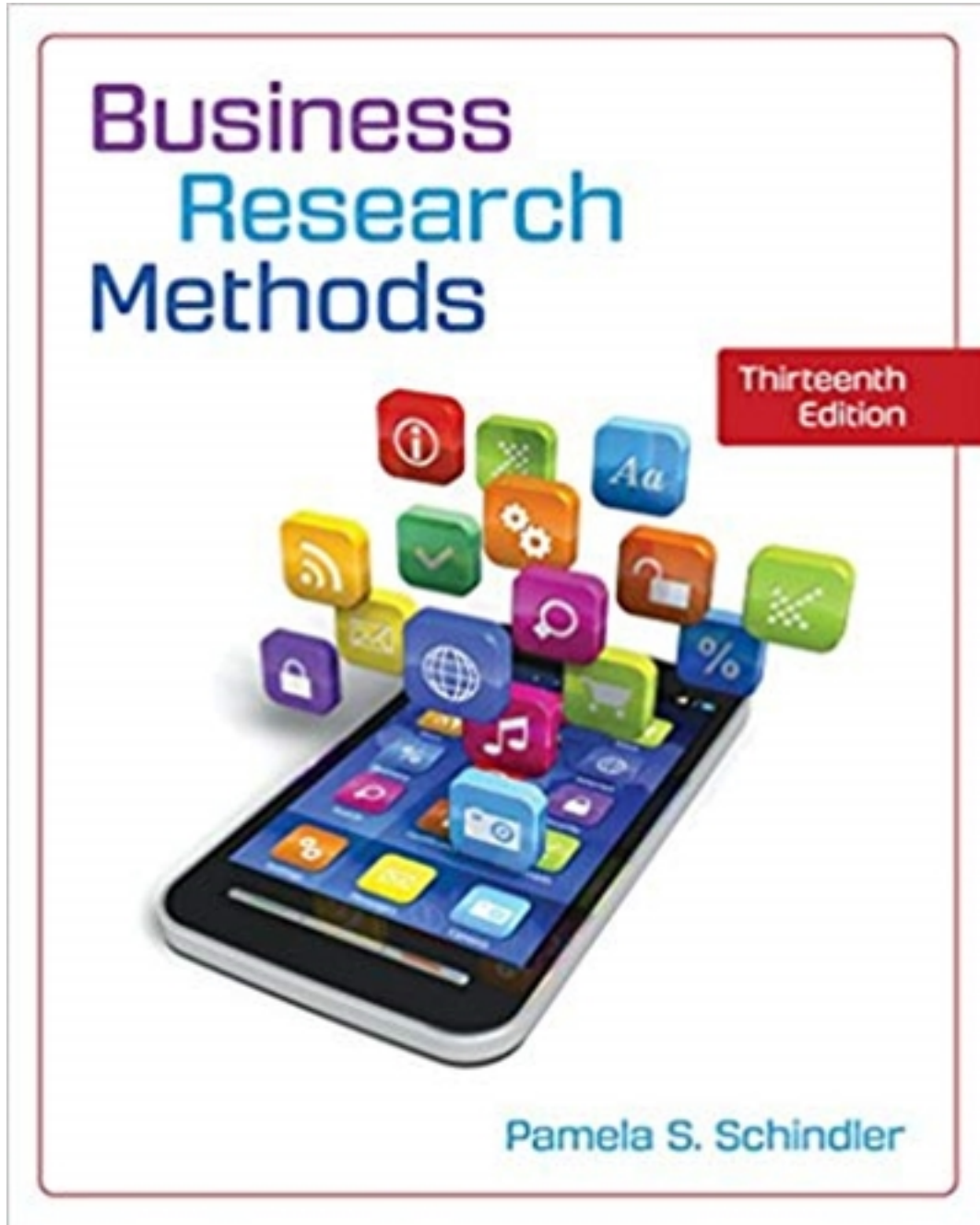


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 - B) data collection
 - C) data analysis
 - D) sampling
 - E) reporting

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- A) data collection
- B) data preparation
- C) sampling
- D) coding
- E) data analysis

29) Applying statistical techniques to data is an aspect of _____.

- A) sampling
- B) data collection
- C) pilot testing
- D) data analysis
- E) data transformation

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- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

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C) a fact
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A) CPM
B) Gantt chart
C) Research Process
D) CPM and Gantt chart
E) CPM and research process
- 37) Jason is entering the data analysis portion of his research project. Data preparation and examination involves all of the following activities except _____.
A) reducing data to a manageable size
B) developing summaries
C) coding of responses
D) looking for patterns
E) applying statistical techniques to the data
- 38) A researcher who is method-bound is likely to _____.
A) be responsible for data analysis
B) utilize a probability sample
C) prefer one research approach over all others
D) mine a client's database
E) All of the above
- 39) Which of the following is *not* a common research process problem?
A) A manager's hidden agenda
B) Overembracing data analytics
C) Unresearchable questions
D) Ill-defined management problems
E) Pilot testing

- 40) Ill-defined problems are those that _____.
A) have too many interrelated facets for measurement to handle with accuracy
B) will take expensive methods to answer.
C) can be answered through data mining
D) cannot be addressed with secondary data
E) develop in method-bound research projects
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- 46) Planning the research design involves decisions regarding _____.
A) data collection mode
B) type of study
C) measurement
D) sampling plans
E) All of the above
- 47) The federal government conducts a census of the U.S. population rather than a sample because _____.
A) a census is less expensive than a sample
B) a sample may not fully represent the population
C) it is faster to collect data using a census
D) data collection is more manageable
E) All of the above
- 48) Which of the following questions is considered when discussing the management dilemma?
A) How can management eliminate negative symptoms?
B) What does the manager need to know to choose the best alternative from the available sources of action?
C) What is the recommended course of action?
D) What symptoms cause management concern?
E) What should be asked or observed to obtain the information the manager needs?
- 49) The fundamental weakness in the research process is _____.
A) incorrectly defining the research question
B) identifying a flawed sampling frame
C) misdefining the target population
D) failing to identify all relevant secondary information
E) skipping the exploratory phase

- 50) Secondary data as a means of addressing a management problem are considered weaker than primary data because the data
- A) were potentially collected to address a different problem.
 - B) are older, and therefore, irrelevant to current conditions.
 - C) are less specific to the current problem.
 - D) All of the above are true.
 - E) None of the above is true.
- 51) The target population
- A) is identical to the sample population.
 - B) is smaller in size than the sample population.
 - C) must be defined before research begins.
 - D) must be able to be captured in a sample frame.
 - E) None of the above is correct.
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- A) any single college graduate; all college graduates
 - B) all college graduates; any single college graduate
 - C) all college graduates who graduated 5 years ago; any single college graduate who graduated 5 years ago
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25) If a _____ sampling design is chosen, the process for choosing the sample must give every person within the target population a known nonzero chance of selection.

- A) census
- B) judgment
- C) nonprobability
- D) probability
- E) primary

Answer: D

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Sampling Design

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Remember

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26) Which type of sample provides a group of participants who are most representative of the target population?

- A) Census
- B) Judgment
- C) Probability
- D) Nonprobability
- E) Primary

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Sampling Design

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

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27) During the _____ stage, the analyst will look for patterns of responses by looking for relationships among variables.

- A) data editing
- B) data collection
- C) data analysis
- D) sampling
- E) reporting

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

28) Ensuring consistency among participants, locating omissions, and reducing errors in recording are all benefits of _____.

- A) data collection
- B) data preparation
- C) sampling
- D) coding
- E) data analysis

Answer: B

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 3: Collect and Prepare the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

29) Applying statistical techniques to data is an aspect of _____.

- A) sampling
- B) data collection
- C) pilot testing
- D) data analysis
- E) data transformation

Answer: D

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

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30) A key pattern in the data is called _____.

- A) a finding
- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

Answer: A

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Remember

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Gradable: automatic

31) In a research study on implementing new safety practices, the research discovered that employees with fewer years of experience had different preferences than those with more experience. This is an example of _____.

- A) a finding
- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

Answer: A

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Apply

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Gradable: automatic

32) Using the research question to interpret a pattern in the data is called _____.

- A) a finding
- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

Answer: B

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Remember

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Gradable: automatic

33) In a research study on choosing a new compensation system, the research discovered that men had different preferences than women. This is an example of _____.

- A) a finding
- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

Answer: B

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Apply

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

34) Offering the manager direction on a decision related to the research question is called _____.

- A) a finding
- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

Answer: D

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Remember

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Gradable: automatic

35) "Option A is far more strongly supported by the data than Option B. You should implement Option A." This is an example of _____.

- A) a finding
- B) an insight
- C) a fact
- D) a recommendation
- E) data

Answer: D

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

36) Which of the following can be used to develop a research project time frame?

- A) CPM
- B) Gantt chart
- C) Research Process
- D) CPM and Gantt chart
- E) CPM and research process

Answer: D

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Project Time Frame

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

37) Jason is entering the data analysis portion of his research project. Data preparation and examination involves all of the following activities except _____.

- A) reducing data to a manageable size
- B) developing summaries
- C) coding of responses
- D) looking for patterns
- E) applying statistical techniques to the data

Answer: E

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Apply

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Gradable: automatic

38) A researcher who is method-bound is likely to _____.

- A) be responsible for data analysis
- B) utilize a probability sample
- C) prefer one research approach over all others
- D) mine a client's database
- E) All of the above

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

39) Which of the following is *not* a common research process problem?

- A) A manager's hidden agenda
- B) Overembracing data analytics
- C) Unresearchable questions
- D) Ill-defined management problems
- E) Pilot testing

Answer: E

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Remember

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40) Ill-defined problems are those that _____.

- A) have too many interrelated facets for measurement to handle with accuracy
- B) will take expensive methods to answer.
- C) can be answered through data mining
- D) cannot be addressed with secondary data
- E) develop in method-bound research projects

Answer: A

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

41) The question, "Should products be withdrawn if even one death is associated with its prescribed use, even if no fault for the tampered product accrues to the manufacturer?" is an example of a(n) _____.

- A) ill-defined problem
- B) overembracing data analytics
- C) favored-technique problem
- D) unresearchable question
- E) manager's hidden agenda

Answer: D

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Apply

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Gradable: automatic

42) A researcher has exceptional experience in moderating focus groups and prefers to include this group interview method in all research projects, regardless of its appropriate application. This is an example of which of the following potential research process problems?

- A) Ill-defined problem
- B) Overembracing data analytics
- C) Favored-technique problem
- D) Unresearchable question
- E) A manager's hidden agenda

Answer: C

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Apply

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

43) A researcher chooses the wrong statistical test to assess the strength of a relationship between two variables. This is an example of which of the following potential research process problems?

- A) Ill-defined problem
- B) Overembracing data analytics
- C) Researcher inexperience
- D) Unresearchable question
- E) A manager's hidden agenda

Answer: C

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Apply

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

44) A researcher cannot identify a currently available research technique that can be used to address a particular research question. This is an example of which of the following potential research process problems?

- A) Ill-defined problem
- B) Overembracing data analytics
- C) Researcher inexperience
- D) Unresearchable question
- E) A manager's hidden agenda

Answer: D

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Apply

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

45) A manager always turns to his extensive data warehouse to find data related to his research question, regardless of the data's age or applicability to current conditions, rejecting a problem-specific research project. This is an example of which of the following potential research process problems?

- A) Ill-defined problem
- B) Overembracing data analytics
- C) Favored-technique problem
- D) Unresearchable question
- E) A manager's hidden agenda

Answer: B

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Apply

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

- 46) Planning the research design involves decisions regarding _____.
A) data collection mode
B) type of study
C) measurement
D) sampling plans
E) All of the above

Answer: E

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 2: Design the Research

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

- 47) The federal government conducts a census of the U.S. population rather than a sample because _____.
A) a census is less expensive than a sample
B) a sample may not fully represent the population
C) it is faster to collect data using a census
D) data collection is more manageable
E) All of the above

Answer: B

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Sampling Design

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

- 48) Which of the following questions is considered when discussing the management dilemma?
A) How can management eliminate negative symptoms?
B) What does the manager need to know to choose the best alternative from the available sources of action?
C) What is the recommended course of action?
D) What symptoms cause management concern?
E) What should be asked or observed to obtain the information the manager needs?

Answer: B

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 1: Clarify the Research Question

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

49) The fundamental weakness in the research process is _____.

- A) incorrectly defining the research question
- B) identifying a flawed sampling frame
- C) misdefining the target population
- D) failing to identify all relevant secondary information
- E) skipping the exploratory phase

Answer: A

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Stage 1: Clarify the Research Question

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Analyze

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

50) Secondary data as a means of addressing a management problem are considered weaker than primary data because the data

- A) were potentially collected to address a different problem.
- B) are older, and therefore, irrelevant to current conditions.
- C) are less specific to the current problem.
- D) All of the above are true.
- E) None of the above is true.

Answer: D

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

51) The target population

- A) is identical to the sample population.
- B) is smaller in size than the sample population.
- C) must be defined before research begins.
- D) must be able to be captured in a sample frame.
- E) None of the above is correct.

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Sampling Design

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

52) A researcher is to conduct a survey of college graduates to study their 5-year post-graduation job placement. In this example, _____ is the target population and _____ is the case.

- A) any single college graduate; all college graduates
- B) all college graduates; any single college graduate
- C) all college graduates who graduated 5 years ago; any single college graduate who graduated 5 years ago
- D) any single college graduate who graduated 5 years ago; all college graduates who graduated 5 years ago
- E) None of the above is correct.

Answer: C

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Sampling Design

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Apply

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

53) If a research's scope has been defined, this is one step toward achieving which standard of effective research?

- A) Purpose clearly defined
- B) Research design thoroughly planned and executed
- C) High ethical standards applied
- D) Adequate analysis for decision maker's needs
- E) Limitations frankly revealed
- F) Findings reported unambiguously; insights and recommendations justified

Answer: A

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: What is Good Research

Learning Objective: 02-01 The standards of good research.

Bloom's: Remember

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

54) If a researcher avoids using his personal bias to select the method for collecting data, this is one step toward achieving which standard of effective research?

- A) Purpose clearly defined
- B) Adequate analysis for decision maker's needs
- C) High ethical standards applied
- D) Limitations frankly revealed
- E) Findings reported unambiguously; insights and recommendations justified

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: What is Good Research

Learning Objective: 02-01 The standards of good research.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

55) If a researcher operationally defines all concepts, constructs, and variables, this is one step toward achieving which standard of effective research?

- A) Purpose clearly defined
- B) Research design thoroughly planned and executed
- C) High ethical standards applied
- D) Adequate analysis for decision maker's needs
- E) Findings reported unambiguously; insights and recommendations justified

Answer: A

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: What is Good Research

Learning Objective: 02-01 The standards of good research.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

56) If a researcher includes design safeguards to protect participants, this is one step toward achieving which standard of effective research?

- A) Purpose clearly defined
- B) Adequate analysis for decision maker's needs
- C) High ethical standards applied
- D) Limitations frankly revealed
- E) Findings reported unambiguously; insights and recommendations justified

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: What is Good Research

Learning Objective: 02-01 The standards of good research.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

57) If a researcher connects findings to the research question, this is one step toward achieving which standard of effective research?

- A) Purpose clearly defined
- B) Adequate analysis for decision maker's needs
- C) High ethical standards applied
- D) Limitations frankly revealed
- E) Research design thoroughly planned and executed

Answer: B

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: What is Good Research

Learning Objective: 02-01 The standards of good research.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

58) If a researcher reveals the impact of data collection problems on findings and insights, this is one step toward achieving which standard of effective research?

- A) Purpose clearly defined
- B) Adequate analysis for decision maker's needs
- C) High ethical standards applied
- D) Limitations frankly revealed
- E) Findings reported unambiguously; insights and recommendations justified

Answer: D

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: What is Good Research

Learning Objective: 02-01 The standards of good research.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

59) A series of sequential, clearly defined stages for collecting, analyzing and reporting data defines the

- A) management dilemma.
- B) study limitation.
- C) research process.
- D) research question.
- E) None of the above is correct.

Answer: C

Difficulty: 1 Easy

Topic: The Research Process

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Remember

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

60) During the process of clarifying the research question, which ethical issue is of concern?

- A) Participant's right of confidentiality
- B) Researcher's right of adequate compensation
- C) Researcher's right to absence of sponsor deception
- D) Participant's right of informed concept
- E) None of the above is correct.

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Process Ethical Issues and Responsibilities

Learning Objective: 02-04 Ethical issues at each stage in the process.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

61) During the stage of research design which ethical issue is of concern?

- A) Sponsor's right to quality research
- B) Sponsor's right to finding's non-disclosure
- C) Researcher's right to adequate compensation
- D) Researcher's right to absence of participant deception
- E) None of the above is correct.

Answer: A

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Process Ethical Issues and Responsibilities

Learning Objective: 02-04 Ethical issues at each stage in the process.

Bloom's: Understand

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Gradable: automatic

62) Researcher's right to consenting participant's completion affects which stage in the research process?

- A) Stage 1: Clarify the Research Question
- B) Stage 2: Design the Research
- C) Stage 3: Collect and Prepare the Data
- D) Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data
- E) Stage 5: Report Insights and Recommendations

Answer: C

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Process Ethical Issues and Responsibilities

Learning Objective: 02-04 Ethical issues at each stage in the process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

63) Sponsor's right to quality research affects which stage(s) in the research process?

- A) Stage 1: Clarify the Research Question
- B) Stage 2: Research Design
- C) Stage 3: Collect and Prepare the Data
- D) Stage 4: Analyze and Interpret the Data
- E) All of the above are correct.

Answer: E

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Research Process Ethical Issues and Responsibilities

Learning Objective: 02-04 Ethical issues at each stage in the process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: automatic

64) The exploration during a research project allows a researcher to accomplish several objectives. Name three of the objectives common to this stage.

Answer: There are several objectives, including (1) expand understanding of the management dilemma, (2) gather background information to refine the research question, (3) identify information that should be gathered to formulate investigative questions, (4) identify sources for actual questions that might be used as measurement questions, and (5) identify sources for and actual sample frames.

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Stage 1: Clarify the Research Question

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: manual

65) Explain the difference between the following: data, finding, insight, and recommendation.

Answer: Data refer to any information collected during the research process; it is not processed or interpreted. A finding is a key pattern found within the data; it is a discovery that is not yet linked to the research hypothesis. An insight is a finding that has been linked to the research hypothesis; it is an interpretation of a finding in light of the management dilemma. A recommendation is a suggested act, based on an empirically sound insight that provides the manager direction in light of the management dilemma that started the research.

Difficulty: 2 Medium

Topic: Data

Learning Objective: 02-02 What is happening within each stage of the research process.

Bloom's: Understand

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: manual

66) Explain the relationship between the right to quality research and the right of participant confidentiality.

Answer: The right to quality research is based on a series of researcher decisions about the research questions, the research design, and data collection, preparation and analytical choices. Some of these relate to sampling design, the choice of a target population and recruiting cases from that population. In the process, participants are usually guaranteed individual confidentiality that protects their identity. When a researcher chooses the sampling design, he must weigh the importance of the right to confidentiality.

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Ethical Issues and Responsibilities

Learning Objective: 02-04 Ethical issues at each stage in the process.

Bloom's: Analyze

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: manual

67) Explain how a manager's hidden agenda can damage business research.

Answer: A manager with a hidden agenda has not shared with a researcher all the important facts related to a management dilemma. As a result, the research question is likely to be incorrectly defined, and subsequent decisions about sampling and data collection design will be flawed. Thus, any data, findings, insights, and recommendations will be less than reliable. And any actions taken based on these insights and recommendations will be inappropriate. Lots of time and money will have been needlessly spent.

Difficulty: 3 Hard

Topic: Research Process Pitfalls and Solutions

Learning Objective: 02-03 Research process pitfalls and their solutions.

Bloom's: Analyze

Accessibility: Keyboard Navigation

Gradable: manual