

## Semester I Examinations, 2003/2004

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Exam(s) 2nd Arts

Module Code(s) SP220 Methods for Social and Political Science

Module(s)	Economic & Social Studies, St. Angela's College, Sligo
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**Instructions:**

**Answer TWO questions**

Duration 2hs

No. of Answer books

### Requirements:

## Handout

MCQ

## Statistical Tables

## Graph Paper

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Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

## SP220: Methods for Social and Political Science

Time allowed: **TWO** Hours.

Answer **TWO** Questions.

1. How are the terms “agreement reality” and “experiential reality” linked to social science research?
2. “Failing to prepare a Research Outline is like going on a scavenger hunt without a list” (Kane, 1995: 21). After illustrating how a research statement and sub-problems are developed, use this information to create a research outline for a proposed study.
3. Show how methodological triangulation can be achieved, using the positivist, interpretative and critical approaches in real life social science research.
4. In relation to questionnaire design, write a note on two of the following:
  - a. Reliability & Validity
  - b. The Likert Scale
  - c. The Thurstone Scale
5. After discussing the various forms of probability and non-probability sampling, explain why a researcher may prefer using probability sampling over non-probability sampling.
6. In explaining the four main “Levels of Measurement”, explain why it is only appropriate to use specific descriptive statistics with each level of measurement.
7. Explain the “Dark Figure of Crime” by giving appropriate examples.
8. Discuss the main ethical challenges facing a contemporary social science researcher.