

Marks

Question 3 (6 marks)

- (a) Distinguish between the research techniques of *observation* and *participant observation*. 2

Observation ~~is~~ does not make the research obvious and the researcher does not interfere with the subjects. However participant observation is being involved with the subjects & observing ~~the~~ while being a part of the action.

- (b) Assess the value of participant observation in a study of teenage gangs. 4

Participant observation in teenage gangs may not be better than observation. Participant observation ~~involves~~ may involve bias and ^{the researcher} they could interfere with the ~~subjects~~ teenagers. ^{when} the teenagers know the researcher is studying them they may act more extreme. However the methodology is more useful as you are involved & can have more detailed observations as ~~you~~ the researcher is part of the action.