

**Marks**

**Question 3 (6 marks)**

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

Observation is when you observe something directly, ~~and a preliminary research~~ <sup>but from the outside</sup> while participant observation, is when you actually participate in the research while you are observing it at the same time.

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

It was extremely valuable in the study of teenage gangs to use the research of participant observation. As for example interviewing a member of a teenage gang gives you insight into the topic you might never have thought of. However, the problem with this could be, the particular observant could have a bias towards/against teenage gangs or the study of them. Which means the research may be useless.