

Marks

Question 3 (6 marks)

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

In observation, a researcher observes the norms and patterns of behaviour of a group or subject ~~as~~ ⁱⁿ most cases ~~actively~~ ^{passively}, the main difference between this and participant observation is that in this the researcher becomes an active participant, experiencing norms + patterns of behaviour

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

If a researcher were to take part in a participant observation of teenage gangs they would be able to experience ~~social~~ cultural norms + patterns of behaviour within the gangs and by experience develop a better understanding of the groups inner workings and beliefs, whereas, as an observer only one would only gain an understanding of surface value, the face/image the gang projects to outsiders.