

**Marks**

**Question 3 (6 marks)**

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

Observation - is watching the on-going activity, & not participating.  
Participant observation - is participating in the activity, experiencing it, & but also watching others participate.

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

Teenagers in gangs could be participating in certain activities but observing other activities that their friends or other teenage gangs participate in.  
Observing what happens to other teenagers could prevent them from participating in those activities observed.

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