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CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST 01 (FIRST YEAR) - 2023/2024

LLPA312- RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

DURATION: 01 HOUR

Date: 01.09. 2024

Time: 09.00 a.m.-10.00 a.m.

Total Number of Questions: 01

Answer the question given below.

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1. 'Doctrinal research has long been the dominant methodology followed by legal researchers. However, new approaches to legal research have emerged in recent years with the awareness that the law does not operate in a vacuum.'

In light of the above, write a note on ONE of the research methodologies below, explaining the nature of the methodology, how it differs from doctrinal research, and what new dimensions it adds to the understanding of the law. Use examples to illustrate your answer.

- i. Socio-legal research
- ii. Empirical research

(20 Marks)

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