

## LALIT NARAYAN MITHILA UNIVERSITY

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Date: - 08.10.2021

Meeting of the Committee notified Vide Memo No. 21178-84/21 dated-04-10-2021 is being held today, The following members are present.

1.	Dean, Faculty of Science, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
2.	Dean, Faculty of Humanities, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
3.	Dean, Faculty of Social science, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
4.	Dean, Faculty of Commerce, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
5.	Dr. Avni Ranjan Singh, Dept. of Economics, C. M. College, DBG	- Member
6.	Controller of Examination	- Convenor

**Agenda :** To devise uniform standard/model for Ph.D Course work Examinations including syllabus in the light of Ph.D. Regulation notified by Governor's Secretariat BSU-512010-2684/GS(I) dated-21.09.17 by BSU (Regulation) 05/2010-3230 GS (I) dated 18.12.2018.

**Resolution:** The Regulation was discussed and deliberated. The Committee unanimously resolved the following.

- (1) The Ph.D. Course work examinations shall comprise two papers, each of 100 marks.
- (2) Each paper shall be of 2 hours duration and shall consist of 3 parts:

#### PART-A

- (a) Objective/ Multiple choice questions- (5 in numbers each carrying 2 marks). PART-B.
  - (b) Short questions 5 in number of which 3 to be answered and each will carry 10 marks.

#### PART-C

- (c) 3 Long answer questions to be set, out of which two are to be answered and each will carry 30 marks.
- (3) Regarding Conduct of the syllabus for Ph.D. Course work, it was resolved-
  - (a) The First-Paper shall be common to all faculties and will consist of courses on Research Methodology, Quantitative Methods, Computer Applications and other Techniques/Methods.

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- (b) The second paper will include subject specific Research Methods/Techniques/Reviewing the Literature, Developing Bibliography and References.
- (4) The Committee further resolved that Dr. Avni Ranjan Singh, Head Dept. of Economics, C. M. College, Darbhanga be authorised to frame detailed contents of Paper I.
- (5) The University departments be authorised to develop the course contents of Paper-II of the subjects concerned.
- (6) It was also resolved that the uniform pattern of Ph.D. course work examination shall be effective from PAT-2021 onwards.
- (7) Each answer book of a particular subject would be evaluated by three examiners (one for Part-A, one for Part-B and one for Part-C). Another (4<sup>th</sup> examiner) would be for transcription and totalling of the marks awarded. All the four examiners will be paid equal remuneration per answer book at the rate fixed by the Examination Board.

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#### Paper-I

#### Research Methodology

Full Marks: 100

**Duration of Examination: 2 Hours** 

Questions shall consist of 3 parts:

Part-A: Short Questions (06 in number of which 04 to be answered, each carrying 10 marks) = 40

Part-B: Long Answer Question (04 to be asked of which 02 to be answered, each carrying 30 marks = 60

- 1. Introduction to Research: What is Research; Why is Research Conducted; Stages in Research; Changing Nature and Expanding Scope of Research; Why Research Methodology.
- 2. Introduction to Major Research Methods: Natural Observation; Historical Research; Ethnographic Research; Cross-Sectional Study; Longitudinal Study; Cohort Study; Case Study; Correlational Research; Action Research; Quantitative and Qualitative Research; theoretical research, applied research and empirical research; Experimental Research: Cause and Effect Relationships, Hypothesis in Experiments, Principles of Experimentation, Classification of Experiments, Experimental Design, Requirements of a Good Experiment; Reasoning in Research : Introduction to Logical Terms; Evidences; Inductive and Deductive Reasoning; Fallacious Reasoning; Formal and Informal Fallacies; Common Fallacies.
- 3. Research Design: Study designs in quantitative research; Study designs in qualitative research; Other commonly used philosophy-guided designs; Choice of Variables; Constructing hypotheses, Mechanisms and Design for Data Collection; Collection of Primary Data: Observation, Interview, questionnaire and schedule Sample Surveys and Designed Experiments, Estimation without Sampling, Methods of data collection in qualitative research; Collection of Secondary Data: Data Integration; Using Publications and the Library; Using Academic Databases: Search Engines, Citation Indexes and Citation Analysis, Government of India Initiatives for

Knowledge Management- INFLIBNET: e-ShodhSindhu, Shodhganga, ShodhGangotri, and N-List Projects.

- Data analysis: Statistical analysis; Thematic analysis; Analysing narrative;
   Discourse analysis; Content analysis; Grounded Theory; Using computers in data analysis.
- 5. Ethics and Related Issues in Research: Concepts in Ethics in Research; Intellectual Property Rights; Scientific Values: Needed a Code of Conduct; Fraud and Misconduct in Science; Plagiarism: What is Plagiarism, Acknowledge Sources Appropriately, Paraphrasing, Direct and Indirect Quotations, Plagiarism Checking: ShodhShuddhi, UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, LNMU Plagiarism Policy and Regulations-2018.
- Writing a Research Proposal: Introduction; The research problem; Objectives of the study; Hypotheses to be tested; Study design; Measurement procedures; Analysis of data; Structure of the report; Problems and limitations.
- 7. The Structure of a Thesis: Thesis Vs Dissertation; Parts of a Thesis; Preliminary Pages of a Thesis: Title Pages, Certificate Pages, Acknowledgements, Table of Contents, List of Tables, List of Figures, Dedication; The Subject Proper: Introduction, Review of Literature, Materials and Methods, Results, Analysis/ Discussion, Summary/Conclusion, References, Appendixes; The Abstract; Formatting Requirements of a Thesis: Margins, Page Numbering, Design and Formatting of Chapters, Numbering the Sections, Lay-Out of Tables, Language and Style, Typeface and Fonts, Paper and Text Spacing; Thesis Editing.

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# Syllabus for Pre Ph.D. Course Work in English

#### Paper II

#### Course Objective:

- 1. To make the scholars familiar with the research, its various types and the techniques employed.
- 2. To make the scholars know and appreciate the finer sensibilities of literature and equip them with the critical nuances to explore various genres for in-depth research.
- 3. To make the scholars familiar with the Mechanics and stylistics of thesis writing including Format and the Structure of a thesis, Division of Chapters, Bibliography, Index, Quotation, References, Use of MLA Style Sheet etc.
- 4. To enable the students select the appropriate methodologies as per the type of research.

# Unit I: Research Methodology

#### RESEARCH: MEANING AND SCOPE

- A) Philosophy and Meaning of Research,
- B) Nature and Scope of Research
- C) Materials and Tools of Research: Print/Electronic/Web resources

# 2. RESEARCH-METHODOLOGY AND APPROACHES

- A) Selection of Research Topic
- B) Area of Research: Genre, Period, Region, Author, Texts, Approach
- C) Survey of different critical approaches
- D) Intra-disciplinary/Interdisciplinary
- E) Framing of Topic-statement

#### 3. PREPARATORY STEPS

- A) Writing a Synopsis
- B) Collection, listing and Organization of Material

# UNIT-II: Review of Published Research in the Relevant Field

#### 1. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

- A) Understanding Review of literature: Relevance, Approach and Applications
- B) Organizing a literature search: Identify which literature bases to search; Developing the theoretical basis for the Research Question;

#### 2. CONDUCTING THE REVIEW

- A) Abstracting relevant information from appropriate studies in a systematic manner; Critically reviewing the literature
- B) Writing the review: Writing a first draft; Writing references and citations; Obtaining, giving, and making productive use of feedback; the redrafting process; Professional formatting.

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# Unit III: Literary Theory and Literary Criticism

### 1. THEORIES OF LITERARY APPRECIATION

A) Art for Art's sake

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- B) Psychological Appreciation of Literature: Freud and Jung
- C) Archetypal Criticism
- D) New Criticism and Structuralism
- E) Reader-Response Theory

#### 2. RECENT TRENDS IN LITERARY APPRECIATION

- A) Marxist Theory of Literature
- B) Feminist Readings of the Texts
- C) Post Structuralism
- D) Deconstruction
- E) Postmodernism
- F) Post colonialism
- G) Gender Discourse
- H) Subaltern Studies
- Cultural Studies

# Unit IV: Writing Research Proposal/Research Paper/ Thesis

- A) Topic Statement
- B) Abstract, Keywords for Research Paper
- C) Aims and Objectives
- D) Hypothesis
- E) Rationale for the Project
- F) Methodology
- G) Key Issues and Arguments
- H) Socio-cultural Background related to the topic.
- I) Work Plan
- J) Chapter Division
- K) Notes and Works Cited

## Unit V: Documentation & Mechanics of Writing

- A) Debt to Previous Scholarships
- B) Socio-Legal issues: Originality, Integrity, Plagiarism
- C) Format: Citation format for print and non-print sources MLA, Chicago Style Manual
- D) Style Format: Spelling, punctuation, italics, abbreviations
- E) Paper margin, spacing, heading and title, page numbers, correction and insertion, electronic submission
  - F) Bibliography

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#### **TEXT BOOKS:**

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- 2. The Craft of Research, Booth and Colomb. Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing
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