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M.Phil – Part-I: Paper I
Research Methodology

SYLLABUS

UNIT – I

Research Problem and Review of Literature

Research problem identification - Review of Literature - Research design – Research process – Review of relevant studies – Experimental and non experimental designs

UNIT – II

Sampling and Hypothesis

Population – Sample – Types – Probability – Non Probability sampling – Sampling size – Observation – Hypothesis and its formulation

UNIT- III

Data Collection Tools

Interviewing and focus groups – Research Diaries- Case studies - Interview – Questionnaire – Rating scales – Schedule

UNIT – IV

Analysis, Interpretation

Parametric test - Non parametric test – Multivariate Analysis

UNIT V

Report Writing

Layout and style of report – Contents of Report - Steps in Report writing – Forms of Reports - Do & Don'ts of Report.

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M.Phil – Part-I: Paper II

Recent Trends in Women's Studies

Unit I

Research in Women's studies

Feminist research - concepts and scope - similarities and differences with conventional research.

Unit II

Scientific Social Research

Meaning – relation between theory and research – research as a tool for policy change – research process – limitations.

Unit III

Research design

Feminist methodologies – critical theories of race – queen theory – the feminist perspectives – hypotheses – gender disaggregated data – availability, sources, coverage and reliability.

Unit IV

Research methods

Quantative and qualitative research – participatory research methods – survey – exploratory – experimental and action research – case studies.

Unit V

Researching for impact

Research policy – philosophy and hermeneutics – hermeneutics to post structuralism to psychoanalysis - postmodernist perspectives – feminist/ post structuralism.

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M.Phil – Part-I: Paper: III

Women Rights

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UNIT – I Indian Women

Status of Women in India - Sex Ratio – Health – Water & Sanitation – Education – Employment – Social Status - Crime against women – Access to Justice – Poverty & Gender Issues

UNIT – II Indian Women and Gender Subordination

Gender Subordination - Power – Control – Right Issues – Access to control of public and private resources – Control over labour and income – Control over sexuality, Reproduction and Physical security – Control over physical mobility –Political spaces – Access to Law and Legal Redressal

UNIT – III Elimination of Gender Disparities

Women Empowerment - Policies and programmes – Legislative Measures – Access to Political Power: National Policy for the Empowerment of Women - Health – Education – Agriculture, Labour and Employment – Rural development – Welfare and Support Services – Women related Legislation – National Commission for Women – Distance Education Programme – Balika Samridhhi Yojana – Assistance to Rural Women

UNIT IV Women Empowerment and Voluntary Sector in India

Roles of the Indian Voluntary Sector – Voluntary Sector and Government – Civil Society and Gender Equity – Voluntary Sector and Women empowerment – Economic Empowerment – Education and Health Intervention – Women’s Rights Issues – Challenges for the Civil Society in India

UNIT- V Women’s Rights

Personal (family) Law – Criminal Law – Crime against Women – Domestic Violence, Dowry related harassment and Dowry Deaths, Molestation, Sexual Abuse and Rape – Access to Justice - Loopholes in Practice – Domestic Violence: Sexual Harassment at the work place – Law enforcement Agency – Property Rights – Sexual Abuse – Eve teasing – Prostitution and Trafficking.

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M.Phil – Part-I: Paper: III

Family Theory

SYLLABUS

UNIT I – Family Life Course Theory – Life –Span Developmental Theory

Life Course Transitions, the Generational Stake, and Grandparent – Grandchild Relationships – Marital Status Continuity and Change among Young and Midlife Adults - Longitudinal Effects on Psychological Well-being

UNIT – II Social Learning Theory – Social Exchange Theory

A Social Learning Theory Model of Marital Violence - Intergenerational Transmission of Constructive Parenting – Costs and Rewards of Children - The effects of becoming a Parent on Adult's Lives

UNIT – III Social Conflict Theory – Feminist Theory

A Conflict theory of Family Violence – Status and Income as Gendered Resources: The Case of Marital Power - Feminist Visions for Transforming Families: Desire and Equality Then and Now

UNIT - IV Symbolic Interactionism – Family Systems Theory

The Symbolic Origins of Conflict in Divorce – Relations between Identity Formation and Family Characteristics among Young Adults

UNIT- V Ecological Theory

Balancing Employment and Fatherhood: A Systems Perspective – The Social Ecology of Marriage and Other Intimate Unions – Getting Dinosaurs to Dance - Community Collaborations as Applications of Ecological theory.

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M.Phil – Part-I: Paper: III

Empowerment of Women

UNIT I – Women Empowerment: Women in Asia and Issues and Perspectives

Political leadership – Would women lead different?- approaches for Asia’s frequent female political leadership – Women’s Empowerment - The concept – The agenda – Modalities – The Problematic Issues – Current Perspectives

UNIT – II – A Historical Perspective of Women Empowerment in India

Indian Women’s Status – Matriarchy Vs Patriarchy – The Vedic Age – The Buddhist Era – Post Vedic Age – Era of Muslim and Mudhal Rule – Bhakti Movement – Pre-Independence Era – Reform Movement – Freedom Movement – Post-Independence Era – Constitution of India – Social Legislation – The Five Year Plans – Welfare approach – Women in Development – Equity approach – Empowerment approach- Indian Women Today

UNIT – III Indian View of Women Empowerment and Critiques

Social Conditioning - Women as Economic Inputs - Political Empowerment - The Traditional View – The Liberal View – The Radical View – Women’s Movement in India

UNIT - IV Women Empowerment in Unorganized Sector

Changing Patterns of Women Employment – Problems of Women Workers in Unorganized Sector – Women Labour Laws – Economic Empowerment – Issues concerning Domestic Workers .

UNIT- V Violence Against Women and the Legislation

Violence Against Women – The Indian Context – State Level – National Level – International Level - Gender Specific Forms of violence – Role and Impact of Women’s Movement

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