

## DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programme: Ph. D

Course Title: Research Methodology in English

Course Category: Pre-PhD Course Work

Internal: 50 Marks

Course Code: HUT-707

Theory: 50 Marks

Credits: 4 (L-4)

Total: 100 Marks

Semester: Odd/Even

Time: 3hrs

**Note:** Six questions to be set covering all the units. The examinees shall have to attempt any five questions. All questions shall carry equal marks.

### Course Objectives

This course is designed to make the scholars understand what is research and how to proceed for quality research and publication. It will orient them towards the importance of research in the field of humanities and inspire them to write research papers for seminars, conferences and research journals.

### Unit-I: Introduction to Research Methodology and Review of Literature

What is Research? Stages of Research, Types of research, its approaches & significance, Steps involved in research process, Criteria of good research & problems for researchers. Framing a philosophical argument, literature review, Plagiarism and academic integrity and importance of citation.

### Unit II: Reading and Writing Skills for Academic Purpose

Reading and interpretation of text, mechanics of writing, difference between academic and non-academic writing, report writing, how to justify an argument, writing a research paper.

### Unit III: Tools and Techniques of Research in Languages

Different kinds of sources, primary and secondary sources, how to use archives for research, using online sources for research, textual scholarship, planning and completing research project, citations and references, different kinds of citation styles and compiling a bibliography.

### Unit IV: Meaning and Content of IPR

Patents: Meaning of Patent, Copyright: Meaning & Scope of Copyright, Concept of Originality, Provisions of TRIPS Agreement and its Implications. Trademark: Definition of Trademark, Certification Marks, Service Marks, Property Marks, Well-known Marks, Domain name protection, provisions of TRIPS Agreement and its Implications.

### Course Outcomes

At the end of the Course, students will be able to develop research acumen, utilize research tools to write research papers, proposal for projects and develop confidence to contribute towards existing body of knowledge.

### Suggested Readings

- Kothari, C.R., Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques
- Foerces, D.P. and Richer, S., Social Research Methods.
- Wilkinson, T.S. & Bhandarkar, P.L., Methodology and Techniques of Social Research
- Richard Stim (2008) Intellectual Property Copyrights, Trademarks, and Patents (Cengage Learning India Private Limited)
- Ghosh, B.N., Scientific Methods and Social Research.
- Punch, Developing Effective Research Proposals
- Altick, Richard and Frenstermaker. The Art of Literary Research, W.W Norton, 1963-1993.
- MLA Handbook of Writers of Research Paper. Seventh edition. 2009.
- Lyons, Liz Hamp and Ben Heasley. Writing Skills for Academic Purpose. London: Cambridge UP, 2006.
- Owens, W.R. and DeliaDa Sousa Correa. The Handbook to Literary Research. London, Routledge, 2010.
- Prabuddha Ganguli (2001) Intellectual Property Rights (Tata McGraw Hill) New Delhi