

**DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT**

**Syllabus for Preliminary Qualifying Examination**

**Core Course – 1:RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

- **Duration of the course : 6 Months**
- **Total Marks : 100**
- **Mode of assesment :**
  - a. **Internal assesment for 30 marks [Assignment -10, Seminar - 10 and Viva voce -10]**
  - b. **External assesment (Written examination for 70 marks )**

**MODULE - I**

1. Academic Writing-

- Creative writing and critical writing
- Dissertations and theses
- Research Methodology

2. Research Design

- Research Problem – Selection of the topic – scope – specifications.
- Research tools – Key Concepts – Ways and means of approach.
- Planning the thesis-selection topics-reviewing the literature-primary, secondary and tertiary sources-Research design-chapter outline.
- General format of the thesis-preliminaries-preface-table of contents- the text-The reference material-the final form of thesis

**MODULE - II**

3. Writing the thesis

- Page and chapter format-chapter division and subdivisions-types of heading-spacing-pagination-margin-indentations
- Use of quotations-conventions-types of quotations
- Footnotes-use-placement-format-conventions
- Tables and figures-use-placement conventions-format

#### 4. Finalising the thesis

- Check list
- Bibliography and references
- Preliminary-Body-Appendices
- Proof reading

#### 5. Research methodology reflected in classical Sanskrit Sastric works.


#### Pattern of Question

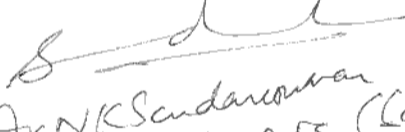
2 Essays out of 4	2x 16 =32
2 Short Essay out of 4	2 x 9 = 18
Four Short notes out of 7	4 x 5 = 20
Total	70

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER FOR Ph.D COURSE WORK

TOPIC : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time : 3hrs.

Max. Marks : 70

Write Two Essays :

1. Write an essay on research design.
2. "How to select a research topic?" – Discuss.
3. "Tools, approaches and methodology – Are they problem specific?" – Discuss.
4. How to prepare a thesis? – Discuss.

(2 × 16 = 32)

Short Essays


1. Specific problems in research on Sanskrit studies.
2. Research tools
3. Review a research work based on methodology.
4. Format of a thesis.
5. References & footnotes.


(2 × 9 = 18)

Short Notes

1. Anubandhacatuṣṭaya
2. New methods in 'References' & 'Bibliography'.
3. Transliteration and diacritical marks.
4. Tantrayukti-s
5. Abhinava's views on characteristics of a commentary.
6. Tables and figures in a thesis.
7. Need, relevance and scope of appendices.

(4 × 5 = 20)

  
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