M. Phil. in Political Science

Compulsory Paper 1 : Research Methodology

1) **Social Research:** Social Research and logic in social science, Scientific Method- Causality and explanation. Dependent and independent variables. Theory of Research. Values in Social Science Research.


3) **Selection and formulation of research problem:** Conceptual Framework, Objectives of Research, Review of related literature. Hypotheses.

4) **Field Study:** Census and Sample, Sampling techniques Random, Stratified, Cluster, Quota, Purposive Sampling.

5) **Methods of Collection of Data:**
   a) **Primary Data Collection:** Observation- Participant and non- participant. Questionnaires- Interview schedule (closed-open)
   b) **Secondary Data: Sources:** Documents, census materials, records, biographies, Library references, travelogues, history, journals, reports, Government report, serials, gazetteers, annuals.

6) **Presentation of data:** Coding and tabulation of data - simple and cross tabulation. Statistical presentation of data.- mean, mode, median. Graphs Probability. Measurement of association.

7) **Analysis of data:** Interpretation of data, qualitative analysis: Case study. Testing the hypothesis.

8) **Research Report:** Introduction, Objectives and methods of study, Selection of universe and sample. Presentation of data and analysis, Conclusions and suggestions.

**Reading list:**

Compulsory Paper 2: Political Economy of India

1. **Approaches to the study of political Economy**: Liberal, Democratic and Neo-Marxist approaches.
2. **State in India**: Colonial Legacy, The question of autonomy, Dominant Coalition, Electoral Politics in a class-caste society.
3. **India’s Class Structure**: Ruling Class, Agrarian Class Structure, Middle classes, Normalization and dispersal of the Working class.
4. **Class and Caste**: Caste composition of classes, class divisions within castes, class-distinctions.
5. **Planning and Development**: Mixed Economy model and Planning as strategy for development, Review of Planning.
Reading list:

2. Byres Terence J. (ed.) The State, Development Planning and Liberalization in India, 1998, Delhi, Oxford
9. Economic and Political weekly
21. Ram Gopal : Linguistics Affairs of India (Bombay : Asia Publishing House), 1966