Ph.D. Coursework History

Research Methodology

1. Social Research:

a. Social Research and logic in Social Science Research. Scientific Method –
 Causality and explanation. Dependent and independent variables. Theory and Research. Values in Social Science Research.

2. Research Design:

- a. Types of Research Designs Exploratory, Descriptive, Experimental.
 Characteristics of good Research design. Pros and Limitation of various Research Designs
- 3. Selection and formulation of Research problem:
 - a. Conceptual framework, Objectives of Research, Review of related literature. Hypothesis.

4. Field Study:

a. 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 reports, serials gazetteers, annuals.

6. Presentation of Data:

a. 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:

a. Interpretation of statistical Data, qualitative analysis. Case study. Testing the hypothesis.

8. Research report:

a. Introduction objectives and methods of study, selection of universe and sample. Presentation of Data and analysis, conclusions and suggestions.

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