M.A. HISTORY PART I

SEMESTER II

Research Methodology

(Core Course -3)

Code No. 208503 Credits: 4 Lectures: 60 Marks: 100

Objectives:

- To understand research as a way of new thinking.
- To get acquainted to the preparation of historical research design.
- To understand meticulous and scientific methods of writing history with proper sources.
- To learn to use of various tools and its proper use in writing history.
- To be familiar with the methodology for historical research.

Course Content:	Credit	Lectures	Marks	
I : Research : A Way of Thinking:	1	15		25
 a) Meaning, Definition, Objectives b) Types of Research: Empirical, Hist Descriptive, Analytical, Comparati C) Ethics: Honesty, Intellectual Owner Plagiarism, Permissions 	ve			
II : Preparation of Research Desig	n: 1	15	25	
 a) Selection of subject, Formation of Objectives, Formation of Hypothesis 				
b) Review of Literature: Nature, Func Developing theoretical and conceptual frame work	tions,			
c) Scheme of Chapters, Importance a Limitations of the Study, Bibliogra				
d) Making of a Research Proposal	1			

III: Data Collection and Documentation: 1 15 25

- a) Collection of Historical Data: Primary Sources, Secondary sources and Oral History
- b) Testing the authenticity and credibility of sources; Forgery in historical sources
- c) Skills of Documentation: Technique of Notes-making, Self-regulated card system

 d) Tools of Presentation of Data: Use of Charts, Tables, Statistics, Maps, Glossary, Abbreviation, Appendices and Index

IV: Art of writing History: 1 15

- a) Citation: Use of Foot-notes and Bibliography Logical Arrangement of Chapters, Appropriate Title
- b) Proper chronology, Main Ingredients and Sequence of Research Proposal.
- c) Objectivity, Interpretation- Analytical methods of writing, Consistency and Uniformity
- d) Constructive Reasoning: Cogent and Logical Exposition and Valid Conclusion

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