

2026

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Course No. : PS – 107

(**Research Methodology**)*Full Marks : 60**Time : 3 hours**The questions are of equal value**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions**Answer any five (5) questions*

1. a) Define Research. Discuss in detail the different types of social science research. 2+10

Or

- b) Write short notes on any two of the following: 6+6
- i) Importance of Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research in social science
 - ii) Mixed Approach: Merits and Demerits
 - iii) Meaning and Importance of Hypothesis
 - iv) Types of Literature Review

2. a) Define Research Design. Discuss in detail the various criteria of a good research design. 3+9

Or

- b) Discuss in detail the different types of research design. 12

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3. a) Explain the importance of sampling and its impact on the accuracy of research findings. 12

Or

- b) Explain the practical considerations that a researcher must take into account while selecting a sample. 12

4. a) What is a Schedule and how does it differ from a questionnaire? 12

Or

- b) What is report writing? What are the characteristics of a good research report? 3+9

5. a) Discuss the various advantages and disadvantages of reference management software in research. 6+6

Or

- b) Critically examine the various pros and cons of using software for paper formatting in research. 6+6

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