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Syllabus for Ph.D. (PET) Entrance Exam
Modelling and Stimulation

Research Methodology

1) **Foundation of Research:** Meaning, Objectives, Motivation, Utility. Concept of theory, empiricism, deductive and inductive theory. Characteristics of scientific method - understanding the language of research - Concept, Construct, definition, Variable. Research Process
2) **Problem Identification & Formulation:** definition and formulating the research problem, Necessity of defining the problem, Importance of literature review in defining a problem, Research Question - Investigation Question - Measurement Issues - Hypothesis - Qualities of a good hypothesis - Null hypothesis & Alternative Hypothesis. Hypothesis Testing - Logic & importance
3) **Research Design:** Concept and Importance in Research - Features of a good research design - Exploratory Research Design - Concept, Types and uses, Descriptive Research Design - concept, types and uses. Experimental Design - Concept of Independent & Dependent variables.
4) **Qualitative and Quantitative Research:** Qualitative - Quantitative Research - Concept of measurement, causality, generalization, replication. Merging the two approaches.
5) **Data Collection and analysis:** Execution of the research - Observation and Collection of data - Methods of data collection, hypothesis-testing - Generalization and Interpretation.
6) **Measurement:** Concept of measurement - what is measured? Problem in measurement in research - Validity and Reliability. Levels of measurement - Nominal, Ordinal, Interval, Ratio.
7) **Sampling:** Concept of Statistical population, Sample, Sampling Frame, Sampling Error, Sample size, Non Response. Characteristics of a good sample. Probability Sample - Simple Random Sample, Systematic Sample, Stratified Random Sample & Multi-stage sampling. Determining size of the sample - Practical considerations in sampling and sample size.
8) **Data Analysis:** data Preparation - Univariate analysis (frequency tables, bar charts, pie charts, percentages), Bivariate analysis - Cross tabulations and Chi-square test including testing hypothesis of association.

9) **Interpretation of Data and Paper Writing:** Layout of a Research Paper, Journals in Modelling and Stimulation, Impact factor of journals, When and where to publish? Ethical issues related to publishing, Plagiarism and Self-Plagiarism.
10) Use of Encyclopedias, Research Guides, Handbook etc., Academic databases for concerned discipline.
11) **Use of tools / techniques for Research:** methods to search required information effectively, Reference Management Software like Zotero/mendeley, Software for paper formating like LaTeX/MSOffice, software for detection of Plagiarism.
12) **Reporting and Thesis writing:** Structure and components of scientific reports - Types of report - Technical reports and thesis - Significance - Different steps in the preparation - Layout, Structure and Language of typical reports - Illustrations and tables - Bibliography, referencing and footnotes - Oral presentation - Planning - Preparation - Practice - Making presentation - Use of visual aids - Importance of effective communication
13) **Application of results and ethics:** Environmental impacts - Ethical issues - ethical committees - Commercialization - Copy right - royalty - Intellectual property rights and patent law - Trade related aspects of intellectual property Rights - Reproduction of published material - Plagiarism - citation and acknowledgement - citation and acknowledgement - Reproducibility and accountability.
14) **Reasoning and Mentalability**: Analogy, Classification, Series, Coding-Decoding, Direction Sense, Representation Through Venn Diagrams, Mathematical Operations, Arithmetical Reasoning, Inserting the Missing Character, Number, Ranking and Time Sequence Test, Eligibility Test**,** Representation through Venn-diagrams, Number & symbols ordering, Comprehension questions, Statement & assumptions, Statement & conclusions, Statement & actions

Books Recommended

1) Research Methodology - C. R. Kothari
2) Research Methodology : An Introduction - Stuart Melville and Wayne
3) Practical Research Methods - Catherine Dawson
4) Select references from the Internet

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Additional reading

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2) Carlos, C. M., 2000. Intellectual property rights, the WTO and developing countries: the TRIPS agreement and policy options. Zed Books, New York.
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4) Day, R. A., 1992. How to Write and Publish a Scientific Paper, Cambridge University Press.
5) Fink, A., 2009. Conducting Research Literature Reviews: From the Internet to Paper. Sage Publications
6) Leedy, P. D. and Ormrod, J. E., 2004 Practical Research: Planning and Design, Prentice Hall.
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Subject Concerned Syllabus
Modelling and Stimulation

General Mathematics :

Differential & Integral Calculus, Curve sketching, Linear Algebra, Vectors, Differential Equations.

Discrete Mathematics :

Graph Theory, Permutations and Combinations, Boolean Algebra, Set Theory & Logic

Numerical Methods :

Linear and Nonlinear equations, curve fitting and interpolations, Numerical Integrations, and differentiation, Numerical solutions of Differential Equations.

Optimization:

Linear Programming, Transportation, Nelder-Mead method, Conjugate- gradient Method

Computer Fundamentals :

Binary & hexadecimal representation, Data structures, searching & sorting algorithms

Programming Principles and Languages :

C fundamentals, Fortran, Basics of algorithms, Testing and debugging of codes/pseudo codes.

Statistics :

Mean, mode, median, variance, standard deviation, Correlation, Probability.