

**Savitribai Phule Pune University**  
(formerly University of Pune)

**Syllabus for M.Phil./ Ph.D. (PET) Entrance Exam**  
**Pali and Buddhist Literature**

**Research Methodology**

1. **Research:** Meaning & Objectives ,Skills and qualities necessary for good researcher, Relations of research and literary criticism, Relations of research and history of literature, Difference between research in literary subject and in scientific and social studies
2. **Hypothesis :** Definition, Formulation of hypothesis
3. **Basic terms and concepts** used in research methodology
4. **Types of Research-** Inductive and Deductive methods, analytical, comparative, historical, textual analysis, textual editing and criticism, intercultural and interdisciplinary study, discourse analysis etc.
5. **Design of Research-** Necessity of planning, Steps in design- a) Preparation of working bibliography b) Review of Literature c) Collection of material d) Identification of the topic e) Defining the scope and limitations of the topic f) Text editing h) annotated bibliography
6. **Writing Process** - Method of Research Writing, Methods of giving references and citations, Ethics in writing, Research papers/ book reviews/ dissertation/ thesis etc.
7. **Areas of Research** - a) Literary studies b) Language Studies c) Translation Studies d) Culture Studies e) Media Studies f) Teaching Methodology g) Folklore Studies h) Gender Studies i) Comparative Literature j) Literary theory and Criticism
8. **Tools of Research-** a) library sources b) e-sources c) survey and questionnaires , books/, journals, encyclopedias, bibliographies etc. , Primary & secondary sources , Authenticity of sources

**Subject Concerned Syllabus**  
**Pali and Buddhist Literature**

**Part- A: Pali Language Literature, Theravāda Philosophy and History**

1. **Pali Language:** Origin homeland of Pali & Pali Grammar
2. **Pali Canonical Literature:** Vinayapiṭaka, Suttapiṭaka, Abhidhammapiṭaka
3. **Pali Commentarial Literature:** Atthakathās & Ṭikās.
4. **Others:** Kāvya Literature, Chronicles, Prosody, Rhetoric
5. **Buddhism as Religion and Philosophy:** The Place of Religion, Dogmas in Buddhism
6. **Issues concerning the doctrines of Karma and Rebirth**

7. **Centrality of Ethics:** Implications of Buddhist Ethics to Caste and Gender, Śīla, Samādhi, Prajñā and Brahmavihāra, Pāramitā
8. **Avyākṛtapraśnas and the Buddha's Silence**
9. **Technical terms in the Buddhist Abhidhamma:** Citta, Caitasika, Rūpa, Nirvāṇa, Skandha, Āyatana, Dhātu, Dhyāna, Parāmitā, Bodhipakṣīya Dharma
10. **Background of Buddhism as a reaction to Vedic and Upanisadic Thought**
11. **Contemporary Philosophical Sects:** Brahmajāla Sutta and Śrāmaṇyaphalasutta
12. **Life and mission of the Buddha:** Parivrajyā, Dhammacakka-ppavattana-sutta, Parinirvana
13. **Teachings of the Buddha:** Threefold division: Vinaya, Sutta and Abhidhamma
14. **Four noble truths, Pratīyasamutpāda, Dvādaśanidāna:** The doctrines of Anityatā and Anattā, Eightfold path, the concept of Nirvāṇa

#### **Part - B: Sanskrit Buddhist Literature, Mahāyāna Philosophy and History**

1. **Earlier Sanskrit Buddhist Texts:** Sarvāstivāda Vinaya, Mahāvastu, Lalitavistara, works of Aśvaghōṣa, Avadāna Literature
2. **Mahāyāna Sūtras:** Saddharmapuṇḍarīka-sūtra, Kāraṇḍavyūha, Sukhāvativyūha, Laṅkāvatāra-sūtra, Samādhirāja-sūtra, Suvarṇaprabhāsa-sūtra.
3. **Philosophical Texts:** Works of Nāgārjuna, Āryadeva, Asaṅga, Vasūbandhu, Bhāvaviveka, Candrakīrti, Diñnāga, Dharmakīrti, Sāntideva, Sāntarakṣita and Kamalaśīla.
4. **Stotras:** Storas, Dhāraṇīs and Tantra Literature
5. **Buddhism as Religion and Philosophy:** The Place of Religion, Dogmas in Buddhism
6. **Issues concerning the doctrines of Karma and Rebirth**
7. **Centrality of Ethics:** Implications of Buddhist Ethics to Caste and Gender, Śīla, Samādhi, Prajñā and Brahmavihāra, Parāmitā
8. **Arguments for Kṣaṇikatā (Dharmakīrti), Vijñaptimātratāsiddhi (Vasūbandhu) and Śūnyatā (Nāgārjuna)**
9. **Background of Buddhism as a reaction to Vedic and Upaniṣadic Thought**
10. **Life and mission of the Buddha:** Parivrajyā, Dhammacakka-ppavattana-sutta, Parinirvāṇa
11. **Teachings of the Buddha:** Threefold division: Vinaya, Sutta and Abhidhamma
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