

**CLASS:- LL.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER**  
**CORE PAPER**  
**RESEARCH METHODS AND LEGAL WRITING**

Paper: 301

Max. Marks: 100

Credits: 5

Time: 3 Hours

Note:

1. There shall be total Five Units in the question paper.
2. Unit-I shall contain one compulsory question having four parts of five marks each. This question shall be spread over the entire syllabus.
3. There shall be two questions in each Unit i.e. Unit-II to Unit-V. The student is required to attempt four questions by selecting one question from each Unit i.e. Unit-II to Unit-V.
4. Each question shall carry twenty marks.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

- The syllabus has been designed for the purpose of imparting the students the complete knowledge regarding the research in legal field, various methods used while conducting the research and its utility.
- To focus on some of the important aspects of Research Methodology and the changing dimensions of Legal Research.
- The students are expected to learn as to how the Research tools are used to meet the challenges of research field.
- The students will not only learn some of the important techniques of legal research methodology, but also be familiar with important concepts of legal research from interdisciplinary perspectives.

**UNIT-I**

***Meaning and Objectives of Research***

- Meaning and objectives of research.
- Legal Research: Meaning; Purpose and Scope
- Kinds of Legal Research, Doctrinal and non-doctrinal legal research.
- Legal Reasoning: Use of Deductive and inductive method.
- Socio-legal Research in India
- Legal Research and law Reform.

**UNIT-II**

***Steps Involved in Research***

- Legal knowledge- Meaning of Law, Sources of Law and where to find law.
- Major steps involved in doing legal research.
- Identification & Formulation of Research Problem.
  - a) Survey of available literature and bibliography.
  - b) Legislative materials including subordinate legislation, notification and policy statement.
  - c) Decisional material
  - d) Juristic Writings, compilation of list of reports or special studies.
- Hypothesis: Meaning, Importance, Characteristics,
- Types of hypothesis, sources
- Formulation of hypothesis.

**UNIT -III**  
**Designing The Legal Research**

- Legal Research Design: Meaning of Research Design, Aspects to be considered in Research design, Contents, Steps, Characteristics
- Review of literature
- Need and Significance of good Research Design , Types of Research Design.
- Sampling Design for Legal Research- Census and Sampling methods, Merits and Demerits of Sampling, Characteristics of a good sampling unit, Procedure to select a Sample, Size of a sample and types of sampling, Sampling error and Standard error.
- Data collection and its Methods.
  - a) Use of observation studies, questionnaires and schedules
  - b) Interview techniques
  - c) Surveying method
  - d) Case study method
  - e) Scaling techniques
  - f) Project Technique
- Analysis and Interpretation of legal Research Data

**UNIT-IV**  
**Legal Research and Writing**

- Generalization in Legal Research.
- Sociometry in Socio-Legal Research
- Basics of Effective Legal Writing Skills.
- Preparing Legal Research Report
- Report Writing
- Use of Electronic and Digital Resources in Legal Research
- Research Ethics and Plagiarism

**COURSE OUTCOME:**

- The student shall acquire the complete knowledge regarding legal research, various methods of it in addition to its utility and relevance.
- Students will acquire knowledge to use the tools of data collection from the field in empirical legal research.
- To study about new developments in the field of legal research.

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

1. Price, and Bitner, H. M.O. : Effective Legal Research
2. Young, Bysiewicz , Pauline V. : Scientific Social Survey and Research
3. Grade, William J. : Methods in social Research
4. Hyman, H.M. : Interviewing in Social Research
5. Erwin, C. Surrency, B. Fieif : A Guide to Legal Research
6. Morris, J. Cera and Cohan, L. : Legal Research in Nutshell
7. Havard Law Review Association : Uniform System of Citations.
8. Verma S.K. & Afzal, M. Wani : Legal Research and Methodology
9. Baxi, Upendra : Social Legal Research in India
10. Myneni, S.R. : Legal Research Methodology
11. Thakur, Devendra : Research Methodology in Social Sciences

