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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This Course of the B.A 3rd Semester programme titled **"Research Methodology"** discusses in details about the basic idea of research and the ways of doing research. The course begins with a discussion on the meaning and concept of research, and then discusses in details all the aspects related to social science research be it meaning, scope and type of research, tools and techniques of data collection, interpretation, analysis and presentation of data so on and so forth. This course therefore attempts to discuss lucidly the preliminary concepts and methods of research. The course contents are divided into two blocks, namely, Block-1 and Block-2. Block 1 has eight Units and Block two comprises of seven units.

Unit1 of the course discusses about the meaning, objectives and nature of Research in general and Social Science Research in particular. It aims at introducing the basic ideas and concepts of research **Unit 2** focuses specially on Social Science Research and the methods used in it. **Unit 3** explains about the Qualitative and Quantitative type of Research **Unit 4** discusses about the significance of Research Design in Research **Unit 5** discusses the Sampling technique of data collection in Research**. Unit 6** explains about the different types of data and the methods of collecting it. **Unit 7 to Unit 12** discusses in details about different ways/techniques through which a researcher can collect data for his/her research for example Interview, Observation so on and so forth. **Unit 13 and Unit 14** deals with with the Statistical Aspects of Research. It discusses about the Classification, Tabulation and Presentation of Data. **Unit 15** explains to the learners about the preperation of a Research Report.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

The Block 1 of the course titled **"Research Methodology"** attempts to familiarise the learners about the different aspects of Research especially Social Science Research. Unit 1 of this Block introduces the Learners to the idea of Research, its meaning, objectives, components and also explains about the significance of Theory. Unit 2 focuses on Social Science Research and attempts to explain to the Learners about what makes Social Science Research scientific. Unit 3 discusses about the two important types of Research- Quantitative and Qualitative; their meanings, advantages and disadvantages and also about the differences between the two. Unit 4 explains to the learners the meaning and importance of Research Design in any kind of scientific research and the steps involved in the preparation of Research Design. Unit 5 discusses about the Sampling technique in research, its meaning, types and uses. Unit 6 describes about the Primary and Secondary data, their meanings, advantages and disadvantages and also about the different methods used to collect them. Unit 7 discusses Interview as a technique of data collection. Here attempt has been made to familiarise the learner about the different types of interview, interview guide and also how to conduct an interview. Unit 8 discusses two important tools of data collection i.e Questionnaire and Schedule.

In order to make the text more interesting and informative, a section called LET US KNOW has been provided in all the units. This section try to provide some additional information regarding the content of the unit. Further, in order to enable the learners to continuously check their progress regarding the content, some questions has been put at the end of various sections of a unit with the heading CHECK YOUR PROGRESS. The answers to the questions of CHECK YOUR PROGRESS section has been provided at the end of each unit. In the end of each unit few Model Question of long and short type is provided in order to provide an idea of the question 'pattern' to be expected in the examinations by the learners.

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