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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 2 of the course titled **"Research Methodology"** attempts to familiarise the learners about some very important methods of data collection in Social Science Research and also about Data Analysis, and Presentation of data including preparation of Research Report. Unit 9 discusses about Observation as a method of data collection. Here the meaning and types of observation has been elaborately discussed. Unit 10 describes ethnography as a method of data collection where meaning, structure, importance, purpose, advantages and disadvantages of ethnography has been discussed. Unit 11 explains the meaning, objectives and significance of Case Study. It also explains the steps involved in case study and the sources of data collection for Case Study. Unit 12 discusses about Focus Group Discussion, its meaning, characteristics, steps involved, significance and also its advantages and disadvantages. Unit 13explains about Classification and Tabulation of data. Unit 14 explains about the different ways of presenting data focusing especially on the Diagrammatic Presentation . Unit 15 discusses about how to compile the data collected in a research work and systematically prepare a Research Report.

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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