

## LALIT NARAYAN MITHILA UNIVERSITY

Kameshwaranagar, Darbhanga (Examination Department)

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Date: - 08.10.2021

Meeting of the Committee notified Vide Memo No. 21178-84/21 dated-04-10-2021 is being held today, The following members are present.

1.	Dean, Faculty of Science, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
2.	Dean, Faculty of Humanities, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
3.	Dean, Faculty of Social science, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
4.	Dean, Faculty of Commerce, LNMU, Darbhanga	- Member
5.	Dr. Avni Ranjan Singh, Dept. of Economics, C. M. College, DBG	- Member
6.	Controller of Examination	- Convenor

**Agenda :** To devise uniform standard/model for Ph.D Course work Examinations including syllabus in the light of Ph.D. Regulation notified by Governor's Secretariat BSU-512010-2684/GS(I) dated-21.09.17 by BSU (Regulation) 05/2010-3230 GS (I) dated 18.12.2018.

**Resolution:** The Regulation was discussed and deliberated. The Committee unanimously resolved the following.

- (1) The Ph.D. Course work examinations shall comprise two papers, each of 100 marks.
- (2) Each paper shall be of 2 hours duration and shall consist of 3 parts:

#### PART-A

- (a) Objective/ Multiple choice questions- (5 in numbers each carrying 2 marks). PART-B.
  - (b) Short questions 5 in number of which 3 to be answered and each will carry 10 marks.

#### PART-C

- (c) 3 Long answer questions to be set, out of which two are to be answered and each will carry 30 marks.
- (3) Regarding Conduct of the syllabus for Ph.D. Course work, it was resolved-
  - (a) The First-Paper shall be common to all faculties and will consist of courses on Research Methodology, Quantitative Methods, Computer Applications and other Techniques/Methods.

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- (b) The second paper will include subject specific Research Methods/Techniques/Reviewing the Literature, Developing Bibliography and References.
- (4) The Committee further resolved that Dr. Avni Ranjan Singh, Head Dept. of Economics, C. M. College, Darbhanga be authorised to frame detailed contents of Paper I.
- (5) The University departments be authorised to develop the course contents of Paper-II of the subjects concerned.
- (6) It was also resolved that the uniform pattern of Ph.D. course work examination shall be effective from PAT-2021 onwards.
- (7) Each answer book of a particular subject would be evaluated by three examiners (one for Part-A, one for Part-B and one for Part-C). Another (4<sup>th</sup> examiner) would be for transcription and totalling of the marks awarded. All the four examiners will be paid equal remuneration per answer book at the rate fixed by the Examination Board.

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## Paper-I

## Research Methodology

Full Marks: 100

**Duration of Examination: 2 Hours** 

Questions shall consist of 3 parts:

Part-A: Short Questions (06 in number of which 04 to be answered, each carrying 10 marks) = 40

Part-B: Long Answer Question (04 to be asked of which 02 to be answered, each carrying 30 marks = 60

- 1. Introduction to Research: What is Research; Why is Research Conducted; Stages in Research; Changing Nature and Expanding Scope of Research; Why Research Methodology.
- 2. Introduction to Major Research Methods: Natural Observation; Historical Research; Ethnographic Research; Cross-Sectional Study; Longitudinal Study; Cohort Study; Case Study; Correlational Research; Action Research; Quantitative and Qualitative Research; theoretical research, applied research and empirical research; Experimental Research: Cause and Effect Relationships, Hypothesis in Experiments, Principles of Experimentation, Classification of Experiments, Experimental Design, Requirements of a Good Experiment; Reasoning in Research : Introduction to Logical Terms; Evidences; Inductive and Deductive Reasoning; Fallacious Reasoning; Formal and Informal Fallacies; Common Fallacies.
- 3. Research Design: Study designs in quantitative research; Study designs in qualitative research; Other commonly used philosophy-guided designs; Choice of Variables; Constructing hypotheses, Mechanisms and Design for Data Collection; Collection of Primary Data: Observation, Interview, questionnaire and schedule Sample Surveys and Designed Experiments, Estimation without Sampling, Methods of data collection in qualitative research; Collection of Secondary Data: Data Integration; Using Publications and the Library; Using Academic Databases: Search Engines, Citation Indexes and Citation Analysis, Government of India Initiatives for

Knowledge Management- INFLIBNET: e-ShodhSindhu, Shodhganga, ShodhGangotri, and N-List Projects.

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- Data analysis: Statistical analysis; Thematic analysis; Analysing narrative;
   Discourse analysis; Content analysis; Grounded Theory; Using computers in data analysis.
- 5. Ethics and Related Issues in Research: Concepts in Ethics in Research; Intellectual Property Rights; Scientific Values: Needed a Code of Conduct; Fraud and Misconduct in Science; Plagiarism: What is Plagiarism, Acknowledge Sources Appropriately, Paraphrasing, Direct and Indirect Quotations, Plagiarism Checking: ShodhShuddhi, UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, LNMU Plagiarism Policy and Regulations-2018.
- Writing a Research Proposal: Introduction; The research problem; Objectives of the study; Hypotheses to be tested; Study design; Measurement procedures; Analysis of data; Structure of the report; Problems and limitations.
- 7. The Structure of a Thesis: Thesis Vs Dissertation; Parts of a Thesis; Preliminary Pages of a Thesis: Title Pages, Certificate Pages, Acknowledgements, Table of Contents, List of Tables, List of Figures, Dedication; The Subject Proper: Introduction, Review of Literature, Materials and Methods, Results, Analysis/ Discussion, Summary/Conclusion, References, Appendixes; The Abstract; Formatting Requirements of a Thesis: Margins, Page Numbering, Design and Formatting of Chapters, Numbering the Sections, Lay-Out of Tables, Language and Style, Typeface and Fonts, Paper and Text Spacing; Thesis Editing.

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## Paper II: Research Methods

## **Subject: Commerce and Management**

#### 1. Introduction:

Importance of research in contemporary business environment, Business Environment and its constituents, Business Researchers and their traits

#### 2. Research Problems in Business:

Problem formulation and its conceptual framework, areas of business research, Emerging dimensions of business research

### 3. Business Research Process:

Business research process, steps involved in business research process, conceptual and empirical review of literature in business, research methods used in business

## 4. Data Analysis and Interpretation:

Concept of Data, its collection and presentation for business research, Traditional and Modern Tools applied in business for Data Analysis. Hypotheses Testing-concept, t-test, F-test, chi square test, ANOVA, etc.

#### 5. Research Communication:

Need to communicate research outcomes, kinds of Research Reports, Thesis Layout, Bibliography and References, Presentation of Thesis.

Head-cum-Director

Dean, Faculty of Commerce