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RGNUL Ph.D. PROGRAMME **(LAW)**

Syllabus for Entrance Test

PART-I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH

1. Meaning of Research, Legal Research and Socio Legal Research
2. Nature and Characteristics of Legal Research
3. Objectivity and Utility of Legal Research
4. Types of Research

MAJOR STEPS IN RESEARCH I

5. Formulation of Research Problem, Literature Review
6. Research Design
7. Hypothesis Kinds of Hypothesis
8. Methods and Tools for Data Collection in Legal Research

MAJOR STEPS IN RESEARCH II

9. Sampling Techniques
10. Data Processing and Data Analysis
11. Use of Library, Internet and Legal Databases
12. Writing Techniques and Methodology – Report Writing, Article Writing, Thesis / Dissertation Writing

LAW REFORMS AND LEGAL RESEARCH

13. Research Ethics: Plagiarism, Copyright Issues
14. Legal Reform Committee: Role and Importance
15. Law Commission of India: Functions and Contribution
16. Research funding and Rights of Funding Agencies



Suggestive Reference Books for Part-I

1. Bradney, A., *et. al.*, *How to Study Law*, Thomson, Sweets and Maxwell, London.
2. Gibaldi, Joseph, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, East West Press, New Delhi.
3. Gregory, JAN, *Continuum Viva Research Methodology - Ethics in Research*, Contium, London.
4. Gupta, Sushma, *History of Legal Education*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi.
5. Hart, Chris, *Doing Your Masters Dissertation*, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi.
6. Khowles, John, *Effective Legal Research*, Thomson, Sweet and Maxwell, London.
7. Koul, A.K., *Legal Education in India in 21st Century*, AILTC, Delhi.
8. Kumar, Ranjit, *Research Methodology*, Pearsons Education Limited, New Delhi.
9. Prince, Mary Miler, *The Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation*, The Harvard Law Review Association, U.S.A..
10. Sharma, C.K., *Research Methodology*, Shree Publication, New Delhi.
11. Singh, Y.K., *Research Methodology*, APH Publication, New Delhi.
12. Sloan, E., Amy, *Basic Legal Research - Tools and Strategies*, Acpen Publishers, New York (1964).
13. Verma, R.K., *Research Methodology*, Commonwealth, New Delhi.
14. Verma, S.K. and Afzal Wani, M., *Legal Research and Methodology*, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
15. Walliman, Nicholas, *Your Research Project*, Vistaar Publications, New Delhi.
16. Young, P.V., *Research Techniques and Methodology*
17. Wani Afzal, *Research Methodology*, ILA, Publication, Delhi.



PART-II

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW

CONCEPT AND DIMENSIONS OF COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW

1. Constitutionalism: Meaning and Relevance, Principles and Scope of Public Law
2. Public Law and Private Law: Shifting Paradigms
3. Principles of Organizations of Government: Unitary and Federal
4. Constitutional Governance under Federal Polity

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

5. Composition and Functioning of Bicameral Legislature
6. Legislative Mechanism
7. Rule of Law
8. Amendment Process

COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

9. Due Process of Law
10. Separation of Powers
11. Judiciary: Organization and Independence
12. Judicial Review of Legislative and Administrative Actions

PUBLIC LAW AND LIBERTIES

13. Public Law and Liberty
14. Public Morality and Individual Rights
15. Freedom of Speech, Expression and Privacy Rights
16. Plea Bargaining and Sentencing Policies

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-II

1. Allen, Michael & Thompson Brian, *Cases & Materials on Constitutional And Administrative Law*, Oxford University Press.
2. Barnett, Hailaise, *Constitutional and Administrative Law*, Routledge – Cavendish.
3. Basu, D.D., *Commentary on the Constitution of India*, Vol. 1 & 4, Lexis Nexis, Butterworths, Wadhawa, Nagpur.
4. Basu, D.D., *Comparative Constitutional Law*, Wadhwa Nagpur.
5. De Smith's *Judicial Review*, London, Sweet & Maxwell.
6. Jain, M.P., *Indian Constitutional Law* Lexis Nexis Butterworths Wadhwa.



7. McEldowney, John F., *Public Law*, London, Sweet & Maxwell.
8. Molan, Michael T., *Constitutional Law*, Old Balley Press.
9. Parpworth, Neil, *Constitutional & Administrative Law*, (Seventh Ed.), Oxford University Press.
10. Sueur, Andrew Le, *Herberg, Javan and English*, Rosalind, *Principles of Public Law*, Cavendish Publishing Ltd., London, Sydney.
11. Vile, M.J.C., *Constitutionalism and the Separation of Powers*, (Second Ed.), Liberty Fund, Liberty Fund, Indianapolis.
12. Wheare, K.C., *Federal Government*, Oxford University Press.
13. Prasad, Anirudh, *Judicial Power and Judicial Review*, Eastern Book Company, Lucknow.



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RGNUL Ph.D. PROGRAMME (HISTORY)

Syllabus for Entrance Test

PART-I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. The uses and Value of History
2. Scope and Importance of History
3. History and Other Social Sciences
4. Objectivity and Bias in History
5. Historical Sources
6. Facts in History and Its significance
7. Causation in History
8. Emerging Trends in Modern Historical Writings: Annalles, Subaltern and Post Modernism
9. Ethics and Historical Research
10. Writing of History
11. Footnotes and Its Uses
12. Bibliography

PART-II

MEDIEVAL INDIAN HISTORY

1. Sources on Medieval Indian History
2. Society and Economy During Medieval Period
3. Religion, Art, Architecture, Literature During Medieval Period
4. Legacy of the Mughals

MODERN INDIAN HISTORY

5. The Establishment and Expansion of the British Empire in India
6. Constitutional Development from 1858 to 1935
7. The British Agrarian Policies
8. Education Policy and Social Reforms Under the British



9. Socio-Religious Reform Movements in the 19th Century
10. Rise of Nationalism and the Indian National Congress
11. The Gandhian Era
12. Towards Independence and Partition

WORLD HISTORY

13. American Revolution
14. French Revolution
15. Russian Revolution
16. First World War, Second World War: Causes and Impact
17. Fascism and Nazism
18. UNO
19. Cold War and Disintegration of USSR
20. Globalisation

Suggestive Reference Books for Part I and II

1. E. Shreedharan, *A Manual of Historical Research Methodology*, Centre for South Indian Studies Trivandrum, 2007.
2. S.K. Bajaj, *History its Philosophy, Theory and Methodology*, Indian Institute of Language Studies, Patiala, 1987.
3. E.H. Carr, *What is History?* Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2008.
4. Satish Chandra, *Medival India for, NCERT*, New Delhi, 1978.
5. J.L. Mehta, *Advanced Study in the History of Medieval India*, Vol. II, (1526-1707), Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2009 (Reprint).
6. Bipan Chandra, *Modern India*, NCERT, 1971.
7. Jain & Mathur, *History of the Modern World*, Jain Prakashan Mandir, Jaipur, 2004 (Reprint).
8. Rajiv Ahir, *A Brief History of Modern India*, Spectrum Books Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2005.
9. Bipan Chandra, *India's Struggle for Independency*, Penguin Books, 1999.
10. Ramachandra Guha, *India After Gandhi*, Macmillan, U.K., 2011.



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RGNUL Ph.D. PROGRAMME (ENGLISH)

Syllabus for Entrance Test

PART-I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Nature, Types and Scope of Research in Language / Literature.
2. Areas of Research in Literature / Language: Areas and Problems of Research in English in the Indian Context.
3. Tools and Techniques of Literature / Language Research : Research Design and Statistical Measures.
4. Reporting of Research: Form and Style of Research Reporting Documentation.
5. Objectives of Teaching English in India.
6. Methodology of Teaching Literature: Stylistics as a tool in the Teaching of Literature.
7. Language Skills and how to teach them.
8. Teaching Materials: Selection, Abridging and Simplification.
9. Testing Language and Literature.

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-I

1. Good. C. V. and Scates, D. E., *Methods of Research*, Appleton Century- Crofts, Inc. New York, 1954.
2. Thorpe, James (ed.), *The Aims and Methods of Scholarships in Modern Language and Literature*, M.L.A. New York.
3. Campbell, William G., *Form and Style in Thesis Writing*, Houghton Mifflin, Boston, New York, 1970.
4. Ballou Stephen V., *A Model for Thesis and Research Papers*, Houghton Mifflin, Boston, New York, 1970.
5. Hooki, L and Gaver, M.V., *The Research Paper*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1969.
6. Watson, George, *The Literary Thesis : A Guide to Research*, Longman, 1970.
7. Barzun, Jacques & Graff, Henry, *The Modern Researcher*, Hartcourt Brace, 1977.



8. Hillway, Tyrus, *Introduction to Research*, Houghton Mifflin, Co., 1984.
9. Williams, C.B., *A Research Manual*, Harper and Row, 1968.
10. Davidson, Donald, *Thesis and Dissertations: As Information Sources*, Bingley and Linnet Books, 1977.
11. Manheimer, Martha, *Style Manual*, Marcel Dekker inc. 1973.
12. Robson, *Research Design and Statistical Measures*, M.L.A. Style Sheet.
13. Gibaldi, Joseph, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 4th Edition, Affiliated East West Press Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 1996.

PART-II

1. Literary Comprehension

With internal choice of poetry stanza and prose passage; four comprehension questions will be asked carrying 4 marks each.

2. Up to the Renaissance
3. Jacobean to Restoration Periods
4. Augustan Age 18th Century Literature
5. Romantic Period
6. Victorian and Pre-Raphaelites
7. Modern British Literature
8. Contemporary British Literature
9. Literary Theory and Criticism up to T. S. Eliot
10. Contemporary Theory

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-II

1. Fry, Edward, *Teaching Faster Reading : A Manual*, Cambridge, 1972.
2. Allen, J.P. B. and Corder, *Edinburgh Course in Applied Linguistics*, Vol. III, S. Pit (ed.) : O.U.P., 1974.
3. Allen, J.P.B., *Edinburgh Course in Applied Linguistics*, Vol. IV, O.U.P; 1977 Corder, S. Pit (ed.).
4. Harris, Davis Allen, *Testing English as a Second Language*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1969.
5. Widdowson, Henry, *Stylistics and the Teaching of Literature*, Longman, 1975.
6. Thorpe., L. P. and Schmuller, *Contemporary Theories of Learning*, Ronald, New York 1954. A. M.
7. Gokak, V. K., *English in India, Its Present and Future*, Asia Publishing House, 1964.
8. Ghosh, R.N., *Introductions to English Language Teaching*, Vol, III, Method at the College Level, O.U.P., Madras, 1977.
9. Rivers, Wilga, *A Practical Guide to the Teaching of English (as a Second Temperley, M. S. or Foreign Language)*, O.U.P., New York, 1978.
10. Littlewood, William, *Communicative Language Teaching*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1981.



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RGNUL Ph.D. PROGRAMME (ECONOMICS)

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PART-I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1. Introduction and Meaning of Research: Nature and Scope of Research.
2. Research Methods in Social Sciences: Need for separate approach, objective of Research in Social Sciences, Importance.
3. Types of Research: Pure and Applied, Quantitative and Qualitative, Descriptive and Analytical.
4. Research Design: Meaning, Scope, Research design for descriptive, Exploratory and Experimental designs, case study.
5. Research Hypothesis: Types, Formulation of Hypothesis.
6. Literature Review: Purpose of Review of literature, Sources of literature review, Methods for Review.
7. Research Gap and Research Problems: Identification of Research Problems, Identification of Research gaps, formulation of research objectives and Research Questions.
8. Data Collection: Sources of Data- Primary and Secondary, Use of library sources in secondary Data, Field Survey, Interview and Questionnaire Method's.
9. Sampling techniques: Types of Sampling, Methods of Sampling, Determination of Sample size.
10. Data Processing: Presentation and Tabulation of Data, Use of one Dimensional and Two Dimensional diagrams for presentation of data, Tally, Frequency Table, Ogives, Scattered Diagram.
11. Data Analysis: Use of Statistical Tools for data analysis, Precautions to be taken while using statistical tools.
12. Types of Statistical Tools: Central Tendency, Dispersion, Correlation, Regression Analysis.
13. Tests of significance: Tests for validity of Hypothesis, Anova, Chi-square test, F-test, T-test, Test of goodness of fit.
14. Preparation of Report: Types of Report, Report Writing, essentials of a good report, significance of writing skills in research.



Suggestive Reference Books for Part-I

1. S.P. Gupta, *Statistical Methods*, S Chand and Sons, Educational Publishers, New Delhi.
2. RGD Allen, *Statistical Economics*, Hutchinson University, UK
3. CR Kothari, *Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques*, New Age International Publishers, New Delhi.
4. Don E. Ethridge, *Research Methodology in Applied Economics*, Blackwell Publishing Company, New York.
5. BN Ghosh, *Scientific Methods and Social Research*, Sterling Publishers, Private Ltd, N.D.
6. BS Asthana and Braj Bhushan, *Statistics for Social Sciences*, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
7. P.C. Tripathi, *A Textbook of Research Methodology in Social Sciences*, Sultan Chand and Sons, New Delhi.
8. Greenlaw Steven, *Doing Economics: A Guide to Understanding and Carrying Out Economic Research*, Houghton Mifflin, Boston.
9. S.C. Srivastava, *Foundation of Social Research and Economics Techniques*, Himalaya Publishing House, New Delhi.
10. HD Sharma and S.P. Mukherjee, *Research Methods in Economics and Business*, the Macmiller Company, New York.

PART-II

Microeconomics

1. Demand Analysis – Marshallian Analysis, Samuelson's Revealed Preference Hypothesis
2. Theory of Production and Costs – Laws of Returns, Cost Analysis in Short and Long Run
3. Pricing under different market structures – Perfect and Imperfect Competition, Equilibrium Pricing
4. Factor Pricing – Marginal Productivity Theory, Classical and Modern Theory of Rent, Rate of Interest

Macroeconomics

5. Theory of Income and Employment – Classical and Keynesian approach
6. Consumption analysis – Permanent Income Hypothesis, Life Cycle Hypothesis, Fundamental Law of Consumption
7. Demand and Supply of Money – Classical and Keynesian approaches to Demand for Money, Money Multiplier, Monetary Policy, High Powered Money
8. Business Cycles and Rational Expectations Hypothesis



Development Planning and International Trade

9. Concept of Sustainable Development and measurement of Economic Development
10. Growth Models – Harrod Domar model, Solow's Model, Balanced and Unbalanced Growth Theories
11. International Trade Theories and Concerns – Classical and Modern Theory, Balance of Payments problem
12. WTO and International Organizations – Trade agreements under WTO, Role of International Funding Institutions in international liquidity

Indian Economics

13. Sectoral Growth – Agriculture, Industry and Tertiary Sector in India
14. Economic Issues –Poverty, Inflation, Unemployment and Black Income
15. Planning Process – Five Year Plans, National Development Council, Planning Commission and NITI Aayog
16. Public Finance – Public Revenue and Expenditure, Tax policy and tax reforms

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-II

1. Ahuja, H.L., *Advanced Economic Theory: Micro Economic Analysis*, S. Chand and Co. Ltd., New Delhi.
2. Koutsoyiannis, A., *Modern Microeconomics*, MacMillan Press Ltd, London.
3. Pindyck Robert et.al., *Microeconomics*, Pearson Education, London
4. M.L. Jhingan, *Macro Economic Theory*, Vrinda Publications, New Delhi
5. Mankiw, N.G., *Macroeconomics*, Macmillan Publishing Company, London
6. M.L Taneja and R. M. Myer, *Economics of Development and Planning*, Shoban Lal Nagin Chand and Company, Jalandhar
7. Michael P. Todaro and Stephen C. Smith, *Economic Development*, Pearson Education, London
8. Paul Krugman, *International Economics: Theory and Policy*, Pearson Education, India
9. Dominick Salvatore, *International Economics: Trade and Finance*, Wiley Publishing, London
10. Ruddar Dutt and K.P.M Sundharam, *Indian Economy*, S.Chand Publications, New Delhi,
11. P.K Dhar, *Indian Economy and Its Growing Dimensions*, Kalyani Publishers, Ludhiana



12. Richard Musgrave, *Public Finance in Theory and Practice*, Mc Graw Hill Publishing Huse London
13. V. K Puri and S.K.Misra, *Indian Economy*, Himalaya Publishing House, Thirty Third Revised Edition, New Delhi
14. K.P.M. Sundharam, *Money, Banking and International Trade*, S. Chand & Sons, New Delhi.



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PART-I

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH

1. Pure and Applied Social Research
2. Concept, Theory and Thought
3. Research Ethics
4. Scientific Method
5. Research Design
6. Techniques of Data Collection
7. Sampling
8. Value Neutrality
9. Objectivity versus Subjectivity
10. Rural-Urban dichotomy and Social Research in India
11. Issues of Social Research (Illiteracy, density, vested regional interests and the like)
12. Basics of Doctoral Research (Selection of the Topics, Understanding the issues, finalizing the topics, Developing the research road map and the like)

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-I

1. Mueller, J.H. and Schuessler, K.F., *Statistical Reasoning in Sociology*. New Delhi: Oxford and IBH Publishing Company, 1961.
2. Young, P.V., *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 1969.
3. Keren, Gideon. *A Handbook for Data Analysis in the Behavioral Sciences: Statistical Issues*, Charles Lewis Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 1993.



4. Hindess, Barry, *The Use of Official Statistics in Sociology: A Critique of Positivism and Ethnomethodology*, MacMillan, 1973
5. David Baronov, *Conceptual foundations of Social Research Methods*, Paradigm Publisher, London, 2004.
6. David Silverman, *Doing Qualitative Research*, Sage, New Delhi, 2009.
7. Helen Simons, *Case Study Research in Practice*, Sage, London, 2009.
8. Keith Punch, *Introduction to Social Research*, Sage, London, 2005.
9. Kultar Singh, *Quantitative Social Research Methods*, Sage, New Delhi 2007.
10. Michael Quinn Patton, *Qualitative Research & Evaluation Methods*, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2002.
11. M. Haralambos and R.M. Heald, *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010.
12. P.V. Young, *Scientific Social Surveys and Research*, PHI Learning, New Delhi, 1949.
13. Ram Ahuja, *Research Methods*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2001.
14. Srinivas, M.N. and A.M. Shah, *Field Worker and the Field*, Oxford, New Delhi, 1979.
15. William J. Goode, Paul K. Hatt, *Methods in Social Research*, Asia Law House, Hyderabad, 2016.

PART-II

SOCIOLOGY AND INDIAN SOCIETY

1. Role of Sociology as a Social Science
2. Understanding the social relationships
3. Understanding social system and social processes
4. Social needs and sociology
5. Understanding social differentiation; ethnocentrism; cultural relativism and lag
6. Interrelationship between Sociological studies and Anthropology, Psychology, Law, Economics, Political Science and Literature

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION IN INDIA

7. Understanding Caste System
8. Understanding Class Structures
9. Understanding the Gendered India
10. Tribal Society in India
11. Rural Urban dichotomy



SOCIAL THEORY AND THOUGHT

12. August Comte
13. Herbert Spencer
14. Max Weber
15. Karl Marx
16. Emile Durkhiem

SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIAN SOCIETY

17. Homosexuality and the Social Institution of Marriage
18. Religious Segregation/ Rioting and Political Interventions
19. Dogmatism and the Culture of God Women/Men
20. Environmental Degradation and Mental as well as Physical Health
21. Working of Health Institutions (both Private as well as Public)
22. Demonetization and other economic processes versus the poor India
23. Drug Menace
24. Sexual Violence
25. Gang Rapes in India
26. Yellow Journalism

Suggestive Reference Books for Part-II

1. Giddens, Anthony, *Sociology* (Selected Chapters). Cambridge: Polity Press, 1990.
2. Johnson, Harry M., *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*. New Delhi: Allied Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1970.
3. Bottomore, T.B., *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*. Delhi: Blackie and Sons (India) Pvt. Ltd. (Punjabi Translation by Parkash Singh Jammu, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1972), 1972.
4. Haralambos, M., *Sociology: Themes and Perspectives*. London: Oxford University Press, 1980.
5. Ghurye, G.S., *Caste and Race in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, (Punjabi Translation By N.S. Sodhi, Punjabi University, Patiala, 1969.
6. Inkles, Alex, *What is Sociology?* New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 1987.
7. Gillin, J.L., *Cultural Sociology*. London: Macmillan, 1953.
8. Gill, Rajesh, *Contemporary Indian Urban Society: Ethnicity, Gender and Governance*. Delhi : Bookwell Publishers, 2009.
9. Desai, A.R., *Rural Sociology in India*. Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 1978.



10. Singer, Milton, *Structure and Change in Indian Society*. Chicago: Aldine Publishing Company, 1968.
11. Srinivas, M.N., *Caste in Modern India*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House, 1952.
12. Turner, J., *The Structure of Sociological Theory*. Home-woods, Illinois: The Dorsey Press, 1978.
13. Cohen, P., *Modern Social Theory*. New York: Basic Books, 1968.
14. Coser, L.A., *Masters of Sociological Thought*. New York. Harcourt Brace, Johanvich, 1971
15. Anthony Giddens and Philip W. Sutton, *Sociology*, Wiley, New Delhi, 2013.
16. David Jary and Julia Jary, *Dictionary of Sociology*, Harper Collins Publisher, 2005.
17. H.M.Johnson, *Sociology: A Systematic Introduction*, Allied Publishers, New Delhi, 2003.
18. T.B. Bottomore, *Sociology: A Guide to Problems and Literature*, Routledge, New Delhi, 2014.
19. Yogendra Singh, *Social Change in India*, Har Anand Publications, New Delhi, 2010.
20. Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, Routledge Classics, New York, 1930.
21. Peter Barry, *Beginning Theory-An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory*, Viva Books, New Delhi, 2010.
22. Paul B. Horton, Chester L. Hunt, *Sociology*, Tata McGraw-Hill, New Delhi, 2004.
23. S.L. Doshi, *Modernity, Postmodernity and Neo-Sociological Theories*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2009.
24. T.B. Bottomore, *Sociology, a Guide to Problems and Literature*, Routledge, New Delhi, 2014.
25. Ram Ahuja, *Social Problems in India*, Rawat Publications, New Delhi, 2009.