

Ph. D. Course Work Examination – 2026

Philosophy

Course - I - Research Methodology and Techniques

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin

Answer any FIVE of the following questions:

1. Give a brief account of different types of research with appropriate examples. **16**
2. What is the review of literature? what are the basic procedures to be followed to identify the relevant literatures of research? **8 + 8**
3. Distinguish between research problem and research question. How do you formulate a research hypothesis? **10 + 6**
4. What are the major methods used to collect data for the qualitative and quantitative researches? **16**
5. Explain briefly the stratified random sampling method? How do you differentiate between the sample method and the sample size? **8 + 8**
6. Explain briefly the techniques of data analysis and interpretation with appropriate examples. **8 + 8**
7. Explain the important components of report writing with appropriate examples and highlight the use of MS word in report writing? **10 + 6**
8. Elucidate Foot Note, End Note, and In-text Citation with examples of sole authored book in Chicago Style. Distinguish between Bibliography and Webliography. Give an example for a sole authored book Bibliography in both APA and Chicago styles.

6 + 4 + 6

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Course II – Subject Paper

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

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Answer any FIVE questions

1. Critically examine the philosophical limits of state's authority to restrict individual autonomy with reference to the harm principle, legal moralism, legal paternalism, and the offense principle. 16
2. Examine whether restitution can function as an adequate philosophical foundation for punishment without presupposing retributive or utilitarian principles. 16
3. Give an account of the different versions of the Buddhists theory of *ātmakhyati*. Which version of it can be considered as more consistent with Buddhist ontology? Justify your answer. 16
4. Critically examine Nyāya theory of *anyathākhyati*. 16
5. Critically evaluate Ambedkar's explication of 'Free Social Order' and its components. 16
6. Write an essay on how Ambedkar uses Gabriel Tarde's theory of imitation to expound the spread of caste system. 16
7. What is historicism? How does Popper criticise historicism? Explain critically. 6+14
8. Why does Sartre assert that Marxism is the inescapable philosophy of our time? How does he criticise the dogmatic attitude of the Marxists? Explain. 6+14