PAPER IV

RESEARCH PROJECT

MAX MARKS: 50

EXTERNAL: 35

INTERNAL: 15

PASS: 40%

CREDITS: 2

Objectives:

This module aims to provide experiential learning by engaging learners in conducting an independent empirical study. It focuses on developing practical research skills, including tool construction, field data collection, data analysis, report writing and presentation, thereby strengthening methodological competence and applied research ability.

Course Outcomes:

After completion of this module, learners will be able to:

CO1: Conduct an independent small-scale empirical research project.

CO2: Design and administer research instruments effectively.

CO3: Analyze and interpret primary data systematically.

CO4: Prepare a structured and coherent empirical research report.

Section A

Unit 1: Topic Selection: Problem identification; Objectives and research plan

Unit 2: Tool Development: Questionnaire/interview schedule; Consent form

Unit 3: Pilot Study

Unit 4: Research Design Finalization

Section B

Unit 5: Data Collection: Primary data collection; Field notes

Unit 6: Data Compilation: Coding and tabulation

Unit 7: Data Analysis: Basic statistical tools

Unit 8**:** Interpretation of Findings

Suggested Readings:

1. Singleton, Jr Royce A. and Bruce C. Straits 1999. Approaches to Social Research.
2. Srivastava, Vinay Kurnar (ed) 2004. Methodology and Fieldwork. Oxford University
3. Goode, William J. & Paul K Hatt. 1952. Methods in Social Research. New Delhi, McGraw Hill