PAPER II

FOUNDATION OF EMPIRICAL RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES-II

MAX MARKS: 100

EXTERNAL: 70

INTERNAL: 30

PASS: 40%

CREDITS: 6

Objective:

To develop an understanding of research design, literature review and ethical practices in research and to equip students with the ability to identify research gaps and apply appropriate research methods.

Course Outcomes:

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

CO 1: Develop skills in reviewing literature and identifying research gaps.

CO 2: Understand the importance of research ethics and academic integrity.

CO 3: Gain knowledge of different research designs and their applications.

CO 4: Understand research paradigms and the use of mixed methods.

Section A

Unit 1: Review of Literature: Meaning, purpose and sources

Unit 2: Identifying Research Gaps: Types and significance

Unit 3: Referencing and Plagiarism: Citation basics & Avoiding plagiarism

Unit 4: Research Ethics: Consent, confidentiality and integrity

Section B

Unit 5: Research Design: Meaning, importance and characteristics

Unit 6: Types of Research Design: Exploratory, descriptive, diagnostic and experimental

Unit 7: Cross-sectional and Longitudinal Research

Unit 8: Mixed Methods Research: Triangulation

Suggested Readings:

1. Bajpai, S.R. 1991. Methods of Social Survey and Research. Kanpur: Kitab Ghar

2. Goode, William J. & Paul K Hatt. 1952. Methods in Social Research. New Delhi, McGraw Hill

3. Kothari, C.R. (2004). Research methodology: Methods and techniques. New age international (P)Limited, publishers.