



Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University for Art & Culture
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Integrated M.Phil/PhD., Direct PhD. Entrance Test

Paper on Research Methodology

SYLLABUS

- Unit-I** Meaning and Definition of Research- Four stages of Research- Data collection, Systematization, Formation of law, Theorization. Qualities of a Researcher. Main characteristics of Research.
- Unit-II** Research Problem- Selection of Topic for Research. Source materials- primary, secondary and tertiary. Collection of data using library and through field work. Interview, Questionnaire- Usage of electronic equipments in the collection of data- Collection of Bibliographical details. Hypothesis- Definition, Process. Preparation of synopsis of the Research Project. Research reading- preparation of notes- Card system and File system.
- Unit-III** Different Methods of Research- Induction method, Deduction Method, Comparative method, Historical method. Classification of Research- Theoretical Research, Applied Research, Descriptive Research, Historical Research, Comparative Research, interdisciplinary Research.
- Unit-IV** Process of writing Research paper and dissertation. Clarity and dignity of the language of the Research paper / Dissertation. Logical and objective argumentation- Importance of interpretation.
- Unit-V** presentation of reference material in the Research report- Foot-notes and quotations- Method of documentation- Format of bibliography. Structure of Research report/ Dissertation. Three sections (i) Preliminary section (ii) Main Text divided into sections or chapters (iii) end matter – Bibliography Questionnaire, Index etc.

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