

**VIJAYANAGARA SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY, BALLARI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES IN INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY**  
**Ph. D Entrance Examination Syllabus**

**Part A: Research Methodology**

**Unit-1: Research methods and Foundation of research**

Fundamentals of Research Methodology: Definition and Objectives of Research. Types (Descriptive, Analytical, Applied, Fundamental, Qualitative, Quantitative, Conceptual and Empirical) and Significance of Research. Research Approaches. Research Methods versus Methodology. Criteria of a Good Research. Problems encountered by Researchers in India. Research Problem. Definition of Research Problem. Necessity of defining Research Problem. Techniques involved in Defining a Research Problem. Methods of selecting a Research Problem.

**Unit-2: Experiment design and Statistics**

Research Design: Meaning and Need of Research Design. Important concepts related to Research Design. Features of a Good Design. Different Research Designs. Basic Principles of Experimental Designs. Processing and Analysis of Data; processing operations, problems in processing. Types of analysis, statistics in research, importance of statistical analysis. Measure of relationship- simple regression, multiple correlation and regression analysis. T-test: application of this test. Analysis of variation and co-variations; what is ANOVA, basic principles

**UNIT-3: Research sources**

Selection of research problems and literature survey: primary sources- Journals periodicals, abstracts; Secondary listing of titles, reviews –annual Treatises, serials, monographs and text books, encyclopedia, catalogues, index of tabulated data- Science citation index- Searching the chemical literature-location of journal article- materials on a given topic- information about specific compound- Choosing a problem-abstract of a research paper. Scientific ethics. Internet: Introduction to internet-web browsers-World Wide Web-Search engines-literature survey in Chemistry-popular website in chemistry-Database in chemistry.

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## **Part A: Industrial Chemistry**

### **Industrial applications of Organometallic compounds:**

Homogeneous catalysis, hydrogenations of olefins, oxo-process, Wacker process, water gas shift reactions, carbonization. Heterogeneous catalysis, Fischer-Tropsch reaction, Ziegler-Natta polymerization.

### **Metal complexes in medicine:**

Interaction of metal complexes with nucleic acids, metal ion deficiency effects, toxicity of metal ions and treatment of toxicity, chelating agents in medicine, bacterial agents, antiviral agents and anticancer agents, metal complexes as drugs and therapeutic agents.

### **Separation and Purification Techniques:**

Principle of: Recrystallization : using various solvents and mixture of solvents      Fractional crystallization: e.g. Separation of naphthalene and diphenyl: Fractional distillation : e.g. Separation of Benzene, acetone, ethyl alcohol etc.: Steam distillation: Soxhlet Extraction.

### **Biological and Pharmacological Screening of compounds**

Principle, material and methodology for the following activities: Antimicrobial (Antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral); Analgesic ; Anti-inflammatory; Anthelmintic and Mechanism of action

### **Analytical and spectroscopic techniques**

**Chromatographic technique:** Classification, basic principle, theory of chromatography, TLC, principle and applications.

**Gas Chromatography and HPLC:** Introduction, principle, instrumentation and applications.

**UV-Vis spectroscopy:** Principle. Beer's law, Deviation of Beer's law, Instrumentation and applications.

**IR Spectroscopy:** Principle. Fingerprint region, Instrumentation and functional group analysis.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectroscopy :** Introduction to NMR, quantum description of NMR, chemical shift, spin-spin coupling, coupling constant, instrumentation, applications, interpretation and limitations.

**Mass spectroscopy:** Principle. Fragmentation, Instrumentation and applications.

**Spectroscopic applications:** UV-visible, IR, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, mass spectroscopy in structural elucidation of organic compounds. Problems on structural elucidation involving all the above spectroscopic methods.

### **Nanomaterials**

**Synthesis :** Reduction, Sol-gel method, Reverse micelles, combustion method, microwave and co-precipitation method.

**Characterization:** Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), Scanning Probe Microscopy (SEM), Transmission electron microscopy(TEM), Atomic force microscopy(AFM)

### **Properties and Application of nanomaterials**

**Properties of Nanomaterials:** role of size in nanomaterials, Electronic Properties:, Dielectric Properties, Magnetic Properties: Diamagnetic, Paramagnetic, Ferromagnetic and Antiferromagnetic, Optical Properties, Semiconductor nanoparticles, Luminescence in Semiconductor nanoparticles: Photoluminescence, Cathodoluminescence and Thermoluminescence.

**Applications:** Automobiles, Textiles, Cosmetics, Domestic Appliances, Biotechnology and Medical field, Space and Defence, Nanotechnology and Environment.

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