

VIJAYANAGARA SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY:: BALLARI

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ph.D. Entrance Examination SYLLABUS 2021-22

PSC-RS-C101: Research Methodology and Political Science (Core)

SL No	Unit No	Content Subject : Research Methodology	Total Marks =100
01	Unit 1	Foundations, Approaches and Epistemologies of Political Science Research Idea of Social Science, Social Science as a Science and question of Objectivity and falsification. Foundations of Political Science Research, Need and purposes of Political Science Research. Language of research; Philosophy of Research; Ethics in Research in Political Science. Approaches to Research in Political Science: Traditional and Behavioural Approaches. Post- Behavioural Approaches: Critical, Constructivist. Epistemologies: a. Hermeneutics and Hermeneutics Phenomenology b. Modernity and Post Modernity (Anthony Giddens, Edward Said, Foucault, Derrida and Spivak), Feminist Methodology.	10
02	Unit 2	Statistics and Data Collection Use of Statistics in research in Political Science, Data and methods of Data collection, Sampling and basics of Statistical Testing, Operationalisation and Measurement, Linking Data with Concepts and Units, Data analysis, basics of SPSS.	10
03	Unit 3	Survey Research Methods Questionnaire Design; formulation of questions; selecting question types; evaluating responses - alternatives and non-committal responses, Administering the questionnaire. Interviews: Face to face interview; Interview Schedule; Telephone Interviews; Internet Interviews. Fieldwork: Pre-testing of questionnaire and pilot study; selection and training of investigators; monitoring and data management. Participant Observation Method: Focused Group Discussion; Interview with key informants; Ethnographic Methods.	
04	Unit 4	Research Design Research Design, Qualitative and Quantitative research, Transforming Concepts into Units of measurement, Issues in Qualitative and Quantitative research, Writing Research Proposal and Research Report.	10

	<p>Select Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Bleicher, J. <i>Contemporary Hermeneutics—Hermeneutics as Method, Philosophy and Critique</i>, 1980. ■ David, McNabb. <i>Research methods for Political Science. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods</i>, (New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 2004). ■ Giddens, Anthony. <i>The Consequences of Modernity</i>, (Stanford University Press 1991). ■ Jain, Gopal. <i>Methods Tools and Techniques</i>, (Jaipur: Mangal Deep Publications, 1998). ■ King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane and Sidney Verba. <i>Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research</i> (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994). ■ Nachmias, C., & Nachmias, D. <i>Research Methods in the Social Sciences</i> (4th ed.). (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992). ■ Pennings, Paul Hans Keman and Jan Kleinnijenhuis, <i>Doing research in Political Science</i>, (New Delhi: Sage, 2006). ■ Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty <i>A Critique of Postcolonial Reason: Toward a History of the Vanishing Present</i> (Harvard University Press, 1999). ■ Verma, S. <i>Research Methodology in Political Science: Theory & Analysis</i>. (Jaipur: Rawat, 1989). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wagner, William E. <i>Using SPSS for social sciences and research methods</i>. (Sage 2006). 		
		Subject : Political Science (Core)	
05	Unit 5	<p>Introduction to Political Theory: The Political context Debates on freedom, Equality, Justice, Rights and Debates on Democratic Political Community. Nature & Evolution of Classical Western Political Thought; Thoughts of Plato and Aristotle; Social Contract Theory of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau; Thoughts of Machiavelli and Thomas Aquinas on State & Church; Theory of Utilitarianism : Meaning, nature and significance; Contributions of Bentham and Mill. Scientific Socialism: Meaning, nature, significance; Thoughts of Hegel and Marx; Contributions of Lenin & Mao to Marxian Socialism. Mahatma Gandhi, B.R.Ambedkar, Ram Manohar Lohia.</p>	10
06	Unit 6	<p>Politics in India: Approaches to Indian Politics State in India Class, Caste, Tribe and Gender Religion, Region and Language Development Process Political Parties Elections. Party System in India: Single Party to Dominant and Multi Party System, Regional and State Parties, Coalition Politics; Party Alliances and Government Formation, Federalism, Regionalism and Political Parties. Elections in India: Determinants of Voting Behaviour: Caste, Community, Class, Gender and Region. Electoral Reforms. Problems relating to formation of States; Debates on Article 370 and 371; Problems of Union- State relations - Recommendations of the Rajamannar Commission and the Sarkaria Commission; Challenges of diversity, development and separatism. Social Movements: Objectives, methods.</p>	10

07	Unit 07	<p>International Relations: International Relations: Meaning, Nature, Evolution and Scope; Classical Theories of International Relations: Realism, Liberalism and Marxism; Modern Theories: Neo-Realism, Pluralism, Systems Theory Decision-making approach, Game Theory and feminist approaches. Major Concepts of International Relations: National Power, National Interest, Balance of Power and Sovereignty; Security- Collective Security and Cooperative Security. Foreign Policies of India towards their South Asian Counterparts, Regional Cooperation (Problems and Prospects): SAARC, SAFTA, SAPTA. Comparative economic systems; Economic growth; Development; Backwardness; Reform.</p> <p>International and Multilateral Economic Institutions: League of Nations, UNO, WB, IMF, GATT to World Trade Organisation, (WTO), Political Economy of Regionalism: European Union, Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC), ASEAN.</p> <p>Comparative Governments: Legislature, Executive, Judiciary and Party system in UK, USA, FRANCE and Switzerland.</p>	10
08	Unit 08	<p>Decentralization, Structure and Local Governance.</p> <p>Panchayat Raj system in India- Growth and development (Phases of development), Constitutional Amendments and Structure. Recent Developments issues and Challenges.</p> <p>Politics of Decentralization: Evolution, Goals, Dimensions and Challenges; Decentralization and Citizen Participation: Instruments, Mechanisms and Spaces; Democratic Accountability in Local Governance Institutions (Local election, Transparency & RTI and Civil Society).</p> <p>Rural & Urban Development Planning: Approaches, Policies and Programmes: Urban Development Planning: Approaches, Policies and Programs Decentralization, and Local Governments Devolution and functioning of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Devolution and functioning of Urban Local Bodies People's Participation in Rural-Urban Development: Role of NGO's and Citizen Groups.</p>	10
09	Unit 09	<p>Constitutional Development: Philosophical Foundations & historical legacy of the Constitution of India, Salient features of the Constitution; Citizenship, Executive, Legislature and Judicial systems in India, Idea of welfare state; Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles - Nature , Significance and its controversy, Nature of Indian Federalism, Centre-State Relations and Issues of Tensions. Centre-State Review Commissions.</p> <p>Constitutional Review Commissions.</p>	10
10	Unit 10	<p>Public Administration: Evolution of the discipline of Public Administration, Contextual Public Administration, Contemporary Development – New Public Administration, New Public management, Local Government administration in India, Administrative Thinkers, Comparative Public Administration: Significance, nature and scope of comparative Public Administration-Need for comparative study-constitutional government and democracy, Role of Executive, legislature and Judiciary systems in UK, USA, FRANCE and Switzerland. Evolution of bureaucracy and local government administration in UK, USA,FRANCE and Switzerland, Development Administration Indian</p>	10

		Administration: Historical Evolution, Good governance, E-Governance and Administrative Reforms in India, Centre-State Administrative Relations, Personnel Administration: Recruitment, Training, Promotion, Morale, Generalist and Specialist controversy, Financial Administration in India, Public Policy-Concept and Dimension Approaches to Public Policy Studies, Public Policy Process and Public Policy Analysis.	
	<p>Select Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Arora, Balveer and Verney, Douglas (eds.), <i>Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in Comparative Perspective</i>, (Delhi: Konark, 1995). ■ Austin, Granville, <i>Working of a Democratic Constitution</i>, (New Delhi: Oxford, 2000). ■ Austin, Granville, <i>The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation</i>, (Oxford, 1999). ■ Basu, D. D, <i>An Introduction to the Indian Constitution</i>, (Nagpur: Wadhwa, 2001). ■ Hasan, Zoya (ed.), <i>Parties and Party Politics in India</i>, (New Delhi: Oxford, 2001). ■ Kothari, Rajni, <i>Politics in India</i>, (New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1971). ■ Kothari, Smitu, <i>Social Movements and the Redefinition of Democracy</i>, (Boulder: Westview, 1993). ■ Roy, Ramashray and Paul Wallace (eds.), <i>Indian Politics and the 1998 Election: Regionalism, Hindutva and State Politics</i>, (New Delhi: Sage, 1999). ■ Rudolph, L. I. and Sussane H. Rudolph, <i>In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State</i>, (Delhi: Orient Longman, 1987). ■ Sartori, G., <i>Parties and Party Systems: A framework for Analysis</i>, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976). ■ Sathiyamurthy, T.V. (ed.), <i>Social Change and Political Discourse in India: Structures of Power, Movements of Resistance</i>. (Delhi: Oxford, 1996). ■ Prof.B.L.Fadia and Dr.Kuldeep Fadia, <i>Public Administration –Administrative Theories</i>, (Agra, Sahitya Bhavan Publications, 2020). ■ M Laxmikanth, <i>Public Administration</i>, MC Graw Hill Education (India) Pvt. Limited-Chennai, 2017. ■ Mohit Bhattacharya, <i>New Horizons of Public Administration</i>, Jawahar Publications and Distributors, New Delhi, 2018. ■ Prasad and Prasad, <i>Administrative Thinkers</i>, Published by <i>Sterling Publishers Pvt.Ltd</i>, New Delhi, 2010. ■ Arora and Goyal, <i>Indian Public Administration</i>, New Age International Publishers, New Delhi, 2012. ■ Fadia and Fadia, <i>Public Administration: (Agra, Sahitya Bhavan Publications, 2019)</i>. ■ Nicholas Henry, <i>Public Administration and Public Affairs</i> , Taylor and Francis, United Kingdom, 2017. ■ Basu Rumki, <i>Public Administration-Concepts and Theories</i>, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2012. 		