

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES
Syllabus for Paper I Research Methodology

Unit I

Definition, Objectives and Types of Research, Research Design, sampling Techniques:

Types: Probability – Non-Probability- Data Collection Techniques: Primary and Secondary Sources – Observation, Interviews schedule, Questionnaire, Scales, Case Study, Focus Group Discussion, Oral Testimony, Content Analysis. Reliability and Validity in Research. Scaling Techniques-Analysis and Interpretation of data – Data Representation: Graphs & Diagrams – Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis – Report writing References in MLA style.

Unit II

Feminist Research: Concept and Definition-Interdisciplinary Research in Women's Studies- Need and significance of Feminist Research – Difference between Traditional and Feminist Research - Areas of Research in Women's Studies Sexism in research – Androcentricity, Over Generalization – Gender Insensitivity- Double Standards – Sex Appropriateness –Feminism – Sexual Dichotomy – Feminist Ethnography – Advocacy research – Sex Role Researches, Feminist Standpoint Epistemology.Participatory Action Research – Objectivity Vs Subjectivity in Feminist Research-Quantitative and Qualitative Research in Women's Studies.

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PH.D PRELIMINARY QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

Model Question Paper (Women's Studies)

Paper 1- RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time : three Hours

Maximum: 70 Marks

Part A

Answer any two of the following

Each question carries 15 marks

1. Write briefly the nature and scope of feminist research. How does feminist research differ from ordinary social science research.
2. "Qualitative methods are more appropriate for feminist research by allowing subjective knowledge and a more equal relationship between the researcher and the researched" Critically analyze.
3. Explain the various data collection techniques used in feminist research?
4. What is Participatory Action Research? Discuss with a practical example?

(2x15:30 marks)

Part B

Answer any five of the following

Each question carries 8 marks

5. What is sexism in research?
6. Write a brief account on Report Writing taking an area of your interest?
7. Write a note on sampling techniques in feminist research?
8. Briefly explain Feminist Standpoint Epistemology?
9. Distinguish objectivity and subjectivity in feminist research?
10. Write a note on Feminist Ethnography
11. Write a note on the significance of oral histories in feminist research?
12. Explain the scope of triangulation in feminist research.

(5x8:40 marks)