



## HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY SHIMLA

*Ph.D. Course Work Examinations*

<b>Subject: Legal Research and Methodology</b>
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**Time: 3hrs and 30minutes (Writing Examination- 10:00 am -01:00 pm; Scanning & Uploading Answer-sheets- 01:00 pm – 01:30 pm)**

**Maximum Marks: 100***Instructions:*

*The Question Paper has two Sections. Attempt any four questions from Section-A. Each question in Section-A carries ten marks. Attempt any two questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries thirty marks.*

**SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)****(10x4=40 Marks)**

- Q. 1 A.** *“The path of a successful research moves; on the reliability of literature used for conducting any research.”* Explain the statement in the light of, use of internet, legal database and modern techniques in legal research.”
- B.** Experts have advised Government of HP that more than 50 lakhs people in HP have been infected, so far, with COVID-19 virus whereas total infectivity shown in public records is much less. Therefore, the government has decided to conduct a survey to study COVID antibodies. Suggest the appropriate sampling method and how is it useful for this kind of study. Also, discuss in brief the different types of sampling methods.
- C.** *“‘Research’, in simple terms, can be defined as ‘systematic investigation towards increasing the sum of human knowledge’ and as a ‘process’ of identifying and investigating a ‘fact’ or a ‘problem’ with a view to acquiring an insight into it or finding an apt solution therefor. An approach becomes systematic when a researcher follows certain scientific methods.”* Explain the statement with the help of your own example.
- D.** For the topic of a doctoral research to be conducted with the help of empirical research methodology titled *“Right to Privacy in India: A comparative analysis of legal parameter in UK, USA and India”* formulate three hypotheses to conduct the research.
- E.** Elaborate and explain the appropriate footnote citation for the following examples as per Bluebook 20<sup>th</sup> edition.
- (a) Case – Manoj Kumar as appellant against Maruti Suzuki Limited decided by Supreme court of India, published in volume 9 of the reporter Supreme Court Cases in the year 2021.
  - (b) Edited Book – Ratan and Anil Malhotra edited a book titled Right to Education: Indian Senario in the year 2020, published by Delhi Publication House, New Delhi. Paper titled

“Elementary Education: An Analysis” joint authors Mr. Anukaran, Ms. Anjum and Mr. Rakesh, published at page 117, which you want to refer in your article.

- (c) Article - ‘Dictionaries and Statutory Interpretation<sup>[1]</sup>Source’ published in 107<sup>th</sup> Volume of at page 10 in the year 2000 of the Harvard Law Review,
- (d) Online Resource: article visited online on 22.5.2021 titled “Crypto Currency in India: Legal Perspective” authored by Raman Dubey available at Manupatra available at <https://www.manupatrafast.com/articles/as.1>

**SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type) (30x2= 60Marks)**

**Q.2** *“Research design is a catalogue of the various phases and facts relating to the formulation of a research effort, it is an arrangement of the essential conditions for collection and analysis of data in a form that aims to combine relevance to research purpose with economy in the procedure.”*

In the light of above statement; explain the essentials of research design applicable in different types of research. Prepared the research design for the problem titled *“Problems of transgender in the State of Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh: With special reference to Human Rights Violations”*

**Q.3** “The government wants you to conduct a research on awareness of traffic rules amongst the people living in the areas surrounding Tribune Chowk, Chandigarh. Frame a questionnaire for the same and do follow the basic essentials required while framing the questionnaire. What other methods may be used apart from Questionnaire method? Discuss.

**Q.4** *“The COVID -19 has emerged as global pandemic and India is also facing multiple challenges in this regard. The Delhi government is willing to make specific regulations to control the pandemic in the Delhi NCR region and for promotion and protection of the right to health of individual residing in the Delhi NCR. With this object the Delhi government is willing to sponsor a research to know the problems to frame a policy or to recommend specific legislation for the same titled “Right to health during COVID Pandemic: with special reference to Delhi NCR”*

On the basis of above information explain followings:

- i.** What should be the Universe of study, sufficient representative samples and method of selection of sample?
- ii.** Which method of data collection should be preferred and why? Provide the example of data collection parameters relevant for the study.
- iii.** Which tool of data collection would be appropriate, elaborate the content of the relevant format.
- iv.** With the help of above example, explain the data processing, data analysis and data interpretation towards logical conclusion.