## **VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**

Department of Sociology

Syllabus for Ph.D. Coursework (Revised)
Effective from the Session 2015-2016

#### **SYLLABUS FOR PH.D COURSEWORK – 2015**

#### PAPER I,II,III & IV

#### **SOCIOLOGY**

#### Paper – I: Research Methodology including Thesis and assignment writing (50 marks)

- Unit I: a) Nature and objective of research
  - b) Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed method
  - c) Social Statistics: Descriptive and Inferential Statistics
- Unit II: a) Major steps in Social Researches
- Unit III: a) Hypothesis and research questions and sampling.
  - b) Data collection Documentary sources, observations and interviews
- Unit IV: a) Bibliography and Referencing
  - b) Thesis and Assignment writing Assignment writing (any one)
  - i. Book Review
  - ii. Term Paper

#### Suggested Readings:

- 1. Earl Babbie: The Practice of Social Research
- 2. P.V. Young: Scientific Social Survey and Research
- 3. Goode and Hatt: Methods in Social Research
- 4. Theresa Baker: Doing Social Research

# Paper – II: Computer Application – Relevant to Research Work in the subjects concerned (50 marks)

Unit – I: Computer fundamentals – Hardware (PC, Desktop, Laptop, CD-R, CD-RW, DVD, Hard Disc, Pen Drive use, LAN, WAN, Printer, Scanner etc.)

Software (System Programmes, Programmable Packages and Programmes) and Operating system (Windows: creation, access and transfer of folders and files).

Unit – II: Internet – Browsing, Download, Upload of files, e-mail, e-journal and e-books.

Unit – III: MS-Office: Creating and editing word file: References, Index, Sort, Auto, summary, PDF, Print, Mail-merge etc.

Unit – IV: Collection and presentation of Data: tables and Diagrams

Unit – V: SPSS

Assignment writing (Any one):

- 1. Preparing a power point presentation
- 2. Social Statistics

#### Paper – III: Advanced topics in Emerging Areas covering the whole subject (50 marks)

Each year Departmental Committee will select any one of the following texts for the topics to be studied.

- 1. Post Structuralism:
- 2. Post Modernism:
- 3. Feminism: Feminism Jane Freedman
- 4. Phenomenology: Contemporary Sociological Theory Wallace and Wolf
- 5. Ethnomethodology: Modern Sociological Theory Francis Abraham

### Paper – IV: Advanced topics in Emerging Areas covering the whole subject (50 marks)

- A. Review of one book related to the research topics of the scholars
- B. Review of literature on the research topic