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**SYLLABUS**

**Ph.D.Coursework**

**Subject: English**

**Paper – I: Research Methodology and Research Publication Ethics  
(RPE) and Computer Applications**

**SECTION-A**

**Basic concepts of Research Methodology**

**20 Marks**

- a) Definition of Research Methodology- Distinction between Method and Methodology-Different kinds of Research
- b) Finding Library Resources: Computer Literacy; Use of e-books; e-Journal & JSTOR
- c) Style of Referencing-sources, quoting sources, abbreviation
- d) Bibliography: MLA and APA Formats
- e) Punctuation, Proof Reading and Dia-critical marking
- f) Writing a Term Paper
- g) Reviewing Articles and Books
- h) Writing a good Research Proposal

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- Norman Blaikie–*Approaches to Social Enquiry*. Polity Press, 2007
- C.R. Kothari & Gaurav Garg–*Research Methodology–  
Methods and Techniques* (3rd Ed.). New Age International Publishers, 2023.
- Kate L. Turabian–  
*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertations*. Chicago

- Jonathan Anderson, Barry H. Durston, Millicent Poole—*Thesis and Assignment Writing*, 1970

## SECTION B

### Research and Publication Ethics

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#### **Marks RPE01: Philosophy and Ethics**

1. Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions, different branches of ethics, research ethics.
3. Responsibilities of researchers to fellow researchers, respondents, the public and the academic community.

#### **RPE02: Scientific Conduct**

1. Ethics with respect to science and research
2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data
6. Privacy, autonomy, confidentiality and anonymity
7. The funding and sponsorship of research.

#### **RPE03: Publication Ethics**

1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
2. Best practices/ standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE (Committee of Publication Ethics), WAME (World Association of Medical Editors) etc.
3. Conflicts of interest
4. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals
8. The role of the researchers.

### **Practice**

### **RPE04:OpenAccessPublishing**

1. Openaccesspublicationsandinitiatives
2. SHERPA(Securinga HybridEnvironment forResearchPreservationandAccess)/RoMEO(RightsMETadatafor OpenArchiving)onlineresourcetocheckpublishercopyright&self-archivingpolicies
3. SoftwaretooltoidentifypredatorypublicationsdevelopedbySPPU(Sabir ibaiPhule PuneUniversity)
4. Journalfinder/journalsuggestiontoolsviz.JANE,ElsevierJournal Finder,SpringerJournalSuggesteretc.

### **RPE05:PublicationMisconduct**

#### **A. GroupDiscussions**

1. Subjectspecificethicalissues,FFP,authorship
2. Conflicts ofinterest
3. Complaintsand appeals: examplesand fraud fromIndia andabroad

#### **B. Software tools**

Useofplagiarismsoftware likeTurnitin,Urkund, DrillBitandotheropen sourcesoftwaretools

### **RPE06:DatabasesandResearchMetrics**

#### **A. Databases**

1. Indexingdatabases
2. Citationdatabases:WebofScience,Scopus,etc.

#### **B. ResearchMetrics**

1. ImpactFactorofjournalasperJournalCitationReport,SNIP,SJR,IPP,CiteScore
2. Metrics:h-index,gindex,ilOindex,altmetrics

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- H. Martyn and Anne Trainor: *Ethics in Qualitative Research: Controversies and Contexts*, Sage, New Delhi. 2012

### **SECTION-C**

#### **Basic knowledge of Computer Application**

**Marks 10**

1. MS Word
2. PowerPoint Presentation
3. Spreadsheet/Excel Sheet
4. Internet

#### **Recommended Reading:**

1. Joan Lambert & Curtis Frye. *Microsoft Office Step by Step (Office 2021 and Microsoft 365)*

## Paper – II: Contemporary Literary and Cultural Theory (1)

### Unit I: (any two texts)

Mikhail Bakhtin: “Forms of Time and the Chronotope in the Novel: Notes toward a Historical Poetics” from *The Dialogic Imagination*

Walter Benjamin: “The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction”

Sigmund Freud: *Civilization and its Discontents*

Terry Eagleton: *Marxism and Literary Criticism*

Ferdinand de Saussure: “Linguistic Value”

### Unit II: (any two texts)

Michel Foucault: “What is an Author?”

Roland Barthes: “From Work to Text”

Jacques Lacan: Seminar on “The Purloined Letter”

### Unit III: (any two texts)

Jacques Derrida: “Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of Human Sciences”

Edward Said: Postscript to *Orientalism*

Homi K Bhabha: “Of Mimicry and Man: The Ambivalence of Colonial Discourse”

### Recommended Reading:

Ann Jefferson and D Robey. *Modern Literary Theory: A Comparative Introduction*, Barnes and Noble, 1982.

J.P. Sartre. *What is Literature?* Methuen, 1967.

Peter Steiner. *Formalism: A Metapoetics*, Cornell University Press, 1984.

Tzvetan Todorov. *Mikhail Bakhtin: The Dialogical Principle*, Manchester University Press, 1984.

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Terence Hawkes, *Structuralism and Semiotics*. Routledge, 1997.

Terry Eagleton. *Criticism and Ideology: A Study in Marxist Literary Theory*. London: Verso, 1975.

P. Demetz. *Marx, Engels and the Poets*. University of Chicago Press, 1967.

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Barbara Johnson. *The Critical Difference: Essays in the Contemporary Rhetoric of Reading*. Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981. (See the essay "The Frame of Reference: Poe, Lacan, Derrida").

John McLeod. *Beginning Postcolonialism*. Manchester University Press, 2007.

Hourani, Albert. *A History of the Arab Peoples*. Harvard University Press, 2002.

Said, Edward. *Orientalism*. London: Penguin Books, 2003 (Reprinted with a new preface, first published 1978).

Irwin, Robert Graham. *For Lust of Knowing: The Orientalists and their Enemies*. Penguin, 2006.

Aijaz Ahmad. "Orientalism and After". *Economic and Political Weekly*. 25 July 1992. 98-116.

Homi K Bhabha. *The Location of Culture*, Routledge, 1994.

### **Paper-III**

#### **Contemporary Literary and Cultural Theory (2)**

##### **Unit I: (any two texts)**

B.R. Ambedkar: *Annihilation of Caste*

Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari: "What is a Minor Literature?"

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak: "Can the Subaltern Speak?"

##### **Unit II: (any two texts)**

Jean-Francois Lyotard: "Answer to the Question: What is the Postmodern?"

Jean Baudrillard: "Simulacra and Science Fiction"

Frederic Jameson: *Postmodernism or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism* (Selected Reading)

##### **Unit III: (any two texts)**

Chandra Talpade Mohanty: *Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses*

Vandana Shiva: *Staying Alive*

Arundhati Roy: *The Greater Common Good*

#### **Recommended Reading:**

- Anurag Bhaskar. *The Foresighted Ambedkar*. Penguin Viking, 2024.
- Claire Colebrook. *Understanding Deleuze*. Allen & Unwin, 2003.
- Stephen Morton. *Routledge Critical Thinkers: Gayatri Spivak Chakravorty*. Routledge, 2003.
- Simon During (Ed.). *The Cultural Studies Reader*. Routledge, 2013.
- David Harvey. *The Condition of Postmodernity: An Enquiry into the Origins of Cultural Change*, Blackwell, 1989
- Steve Redhead (Ed.). *The Jean Baudrillard Reader*. Edinburgh University Press, 2008.
- Buchanan, Ian (Ed.). *Jameson on Jameson: Conversations on Cultural Marxism*. Duke University Press. 2007.
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- Subhadra Mitra Channa. *Gender in South Asia: Social Imagination and Constructed Realities*. Cambridge University Press, 2013.
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- Rob Nixon. *Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor*. Harvard University Press, 2011.
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- Velayutham Saravanan. *Environmentalism and Modern India: Land, Population, Technology and Development*, Bloomsbury, 2022.
- W.F. Fisher (Ed.). *Towards Sustainable Development? Struggling Over India's Narmada River*. M.E. Sharpe, 1995.
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- Scott Slovic, Joyjit Ghosh and Samit Kumar Maiti ed. *Ecodisaster Imaginaries in India: Essays in Critical Perspectives*. Lexington Books, 2023.

#### **Paper – IV: Emerging Issues in Core Areas of Research**

