

Paper PR : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY & PROJECT REPORT

Objective: To introduce the basics of conducting research in social sciences.

UNIT-I: INTRODUCTION, MEASUREMENT AND HYPOTHESIS TESTING:

Meaning of Research-Steps involved- Identification of Problem- Steps involved in the selection of problem-Research Design-Meaning and Types- Measurement Levels/Scales - Scaling Techniques-Hypothesis-Meaning - Types – Testing Procedure.

UNIT-II:PARAMETRIC AND NON PARAMETRIC TESTS AND RESEARCH REPORT:

Introduction - t-Test - F-Test - Chi Square Test - Anova (One Way Anova, Two Way Anova).concepts onlyContents of a Research Report.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Research Methodology: Himalaya Publications.
2. Methodology of Research in Social Sciences: Krishna Swamy,
3. Research Methodology: Kothari &Garg, New Age Publication
4. Research Methodology: Paneerselvam R, PHI
5. Research Methodology: Dr Vijay Upagade& Dr ArvindShende, S. Chand Publications
6. Research Methodology: Ranjit Kumar, Pearson Publication
7. Reading in Research Methodology in Commerce & Business Management: Achalpathi KV,
8. Research Methodology: Sashi.K Gupta, PraneethRangi, Kalyani Publishers.

GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT WORK

- 1) Project work is a part of the prescribed curriculum to B. Com students.
- 2) Project work is allotted to a group of 4 students.
- 3) During the IV semester, students are expected to undergo internship at a business firm/ Government Department /Software organization/Voluntary organization as per the guidance of teacher concerned.
- 4) Students should get a certificate from the organization.
- 5) At the end of Semester-VI, the project reports would be evaluated by the external examiner designated by the Controller of Examinations, from the panel submitted by the Board of Studies in Commerce. The Examiner would evaluate the project reports for a maximum of 35 marks and conduct Viva-Voce examination for 15 marks. The award lists duly signed would be sent the Controller of Examinations.
- 6) Examiners will examine the following in the project report: i) Survey/Analysis on the topic chosen; ii) Method of data collection; iii) Presentation: Style, Comprehensiveness, graphs, charts etc.; iv) Analysis and inference and implications of the study; v) Bibliography.
- 7) Students must ensure that they maintain **regular contact with their supervisor** and also that they provide the supervisor with drafts of their work at regular intervals.
- 8) Students are required to submit a project report on a topic related/connected with trade, industry & commerce. Project can be done by taking the information from the select organization focusing on areas like marketing, finance, human resource, operations, general management etc.

- 9) Project should be a practical, in-depth study of a problem, issue, opportunity, technique or procedure or some combination of these aspects of business. The Students are required to define an area of investigation, assemble relevant data, analyse the data, draw conclusions and make recommendations.

ORGANISATION OF PROJECT REPORT

1) Project report should be presented in the following sequence:

- i) Title page; ii) Student's declaration; iii) Supervisor's certificate; iv) Internship certificate; v) Abstract; vi) Acknowledgements; vii) Table of contents; viii) List of tables; ix) List of figures; x) List of appendices.

2) Chapter Design should be as follows:

Chapter-I: Introduction: this chapter includes the research problem, need for study/significance of the project, objectives, methodology (hypotheses, statistical tools, data source, scope, sample, chapter design).

Chapter-II: Company Profile: this chapter should contain a brief historical retrospect about the entity of your study.

Chapter-III: Data Analysis and interpretation: this chapter should present the data analysis and inferences.

Chapter-IV: Summary and Conclusions: This Chapter should give an overview of the project, conclusions, implications, recommendations and scope for further research.

Bibliography: lists the books, articles, and websites that are referred and used for research on the topic of the specific project. Follow Harvard style of referencing.

Appendices: the data, used to prepare the tables for analysis, may not be feasible to incorporate as part of chapters, may given as appendices.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PROJECT

- 1) Project should be typed on **A4 white paper**, and be **1.5 spaced**.
- 2) All pages should be **numbered**, and numbers should be placed at the centre of the bottom of the page.
- 3) **All tables, figures and appendices** should be consecutively numbered or lettered, and suitably labeled.
- 4) **3 bound copies&a soft-copy** should be handed in to the **principal/director of your college/institute** at the time of submission.
- 5) **bibliography and referencing:** **Referencing** is necessary to avoid plagiarism, to verify quotations and to enable readers to follow-up and read more fully the cited author's arguments. Reference is given within the text of the project as well as at the end of the project. The basic difference between citation and a reference list (bibliography) is that the latter contains full details of all the in-text citations.
 - **Citation** provides brief details of the author and date of publication for referencing the work in the body of the text.
 - **Reference list** is given at the end of the text and is a list of all references used with additional details provided to help identify each source.

Proper referencing is as crucial aspect of your project. You are therefore strongly advised to talk to your supervisor about this, in order to make sure that your project report follows the appropriate referencing system.