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WARNING

1. **PLAGIARISM OR HIRING OF GHOST WRITER(S) FOR SOLVING THE ASSIGNMENT(S) WILL DEBAR THE STUDENT FROM AWARD OF DEGREE/CERTIFICATE, IF FOUND AT ANY STAGE.**
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Course: Research Methods–II (4666)
Level: M.Sc

Semester: Autumn, 2013
Total Marks: 100
Pass Marks: 40

Note: Answers should be in English and based upon the prescribed reading material. Consult study guide for guidance.

ASSIGNMENT No. 1
(Units: 1–5)

- Q. 1 Do you think the awareness of steps in starting the research project will be helpful in evaluating and criticizing research done by others? Discuss. (25)
- Q. 2 Identify and discuss the major sources of libraries. (25)
- Q. 3 How would you know where relevant materials can be found? Do you think it is easier to get contemporary documents than historical documents? Discuss. (25)
- Q. 4 What are the main problems of validity of a good questionnaire? How would you know that answer given is a truthful one? Discuss. (25)

ASSIGNMENT No. 2
(Units: 6–9)

Total Marks: 100

Pass Marks: 40

- Q. 1 Evaluate the importance of the social impact process for conducting social impact assessment. Elaborate. (20)
- Q. 2 Explain advantages and disadvantages of the three methods used to access the social impact of a proposed development. (20)
- Q. 3 What steps are involved in analyzing data? Describe the steps. (20)
- Q. 4 Elaborate the factors affecting the nature and magnitude of social impacts. (20)
- Q. 5 Do the barriers of social sciences research affect its utilization? How will you prove your arguments? (20)

COURSE OUTLINE

RESEARCH METHODS

PART-II

Course Code: 4666

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Introduction

As you know the course on Research Methods is composed of two parts. Each part is of three credit hours. Please see the details below;

Research Methods–Part One	Code No. 4665	3 Credit Hours
Research Methods–Part Two	Code No. 4666	3 Credit Hours

This is Part Two of the course on Research Methods which is designed to familiarize the students with methods in social science research. As explained in the Part One, the course has four distinct but related sections;

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| (1) Scientific and Methodological Concerns | (2) Data Concerns |
| (3) Research Concerns | (4) Data Analysis |

First two sections are dealt with in the Part One and remaining two sections **Research Concerns** and **Data Analysis** will be discussed in this course.

Section Three, **Research Concerns** includes six units (units 1–6) examining the various techniques of social science research including Qualitative Research, Content Analysis, Secondary Analysis, Evaluation Research and Social Impact Assessment. Section Four **Data Analysis** is the final section and covers three units (Units 7–9). This section deals with analysis of data, writing about research and the utilization of social science research. A Course Outline is presented as following:

Course Outline

Section Three

Units 1 & 2

Unit 3

Unit 4

Unit 5

Unit 6

Section Four

Unit 7

Unit 8

Unit 9

Research Concerns

Qualitative Research

Content Analysis

Secondary Analysis

Evaluation Research

and Social Impact Assessment

Data Concerns

Analyzing Data

Writing about Research

The Utilization of Social Science Research

Structure of the Course

This is a three credit hours course, and consists of nine study units, but of unequal length. Ideally one unit is a student work of 12–16 hours. Since the course work of one unit will include studying the prescribed reading material and as the length of the units is unequal you have to calculate how much time you are required to spend on each unit and make your own timetable. We expect you to finish the work within the allocated time.

For this course, 'Fortnightly Tutorials' are arranged in the University's Regional Study Centres. They provide facilities to meet with one another for mutual help and individual discussion with the 'tutor'. These tutorials are not formal 'lectures' given in any formal university, rather these are meant for group and individual discussion with the tutor to facilitate you to undertake part of your learning together. So, before going to attend a tutorial prepare your-self to discuss course material with your colleagues and the tutor.

For this course, you will have to do two assignments, a set of these assignments is being sent to you in this mailing package.

Assessment

For each course the registered student will be assessed as following:

1. Assignments (continuous assessment). See details as given below.
2. Final Examination (a three-hour written examination will take place at the end of the semester)

The conditions to qualify each component are given below:

- a) A minimum of 40% in each assignment. (Total number of assignments for this course is 2)
- b) A minimum of 40% of the final written examination.
- c) An aggregate of 40% of both the components i.e. assignments and final examination.
- d) To take final examination the students has to pass the assignment component.

The grade will be determined as following:

40%	–	49%	D
50%	–	59%	C
60%	–	69%	B
70%	–	79%	A
Above		80%	A+

Assignments

- Assignments are those written exercises, which you are required to complete at your own home or place of work after having studied different parts of the prescribed reading material within the scheduled period of study. (Please see the schedule.) For this course you will receive 2 assignments, which we expect you to complete within the scheduled period.
- This is a compulsory course work and its successful completion will make you eligible to take final examination at the end of the semester.
- To complete your work successfully, you are provided with tutorial support, so that you can discuss your academic problems in tutorial meetings.
- After completing the assignment you will send it to the tutor/course guide, whose name is notified to you for assessment and necessary guidance. Your tutor/course guide will return it after marking and providing academic guidance and supervision.

Note: *The students are informed about the names of tutors and study centres in the beginning of the semester. If you do not receive such information, Please contact your nearest Regional Office.*

To qualify each assignment, you have to obtain a minimum of 40% marks.

Course Workshops

- A three days course workshop for each course will be held at the end of each semester at notified Regional Campuses.
- It is compulsory to attend the workshop. A student is not declared pass until he/she has attended the workshop satisfactorily.

Prescribed Reading Material

Social Science Research Methods by B. A. Chadwick, H. M. Bahr and S. L. Albrecht, AIOU