

Syllabus

Ph. D in South and Central Asia Entrance Test

1. Research Methodology

Basic Concepts

Meaning and Importance of Research, Characteristics; Hypothesis: Meaning, Characteristics, Types, Formulation; Research Proposal: Definition, Selection Procedure, Formulation of a Statement and Steps in Making Research Proposal; Review of Literature, References; Research and Academic Integrity: Copyright Issues, Conduct of Ethical Research, Plagiarism in research.

Theoretical Foundation

Knowledge: Epistemological and Ontological Foundations of Knowledge; Deductive and Inductive Forms of Knowledge; Facts and Fiction; Knowledge and Power – Michael Foucault and Edward Said; Science of Knowing: Positivism; Popper and the Theory of Falsification.

Qualitative Research

Qualitative Research: Meaning, Characteristics; Case Study; Grounded Theory; Phenomenology; Ethnography; Observation; Focus-Group; Photography; Historiography, Interviewing; Visual Research.

Quantitative Research

Quantitative Data: Significance, Analysing Quantitative Data; Measurement and Scaling Techniques, Measures of Central Tendency- Mean, Median and Mode; Measures of Dispersion- Range and Standard Deviation; Simple Correlation Regression: Multi Variable Regression; Analysis of Variance.

Use of Statistical Techniques in Data Analysis: Introduction to Statistical and Econometric Programmes- Survey Authoring, Data Mining, Text and Statistical Analysis; Use of Excel and Simple Statistical-Econometric Package.

2. Government and Politics of South and Central Asia

Historical Evolution in South and central Asia

South Asia: Establishment of Colonialism in South Asia; Colonial Political Legacy; Political Development in South Asia

Government and Politics I

India, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Maldives

Government and Politics II

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan

Democracy in South and Central Asia

Emerging Democratic Trends in South Asia and Central Asia

3. Foreign Policies of Major Powers and South and Central Asia

United States and South Asia

The US Foreign Policy: Determinants and Objectives; US Foreign Policy Towards South and Central Asia.

China and South and Central Asia

China Foreign Policy: Determinants and Objectives; Chinese Foreign Policy Towards South and Central Asia.

Russia and South Asia

Russia Policy: Determinants and Objectives; Russian Foreign Policy Towards South and Central Asia.

India and Major Power

India and US; India and China; India and Russia

4. Environment Issues