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Sr. No. of Question Paper: **15237**
Name of the Course : ITEP
Unique Paper Code : 2033100019
Name of the Paper : Research Methodology (English Discipline)
Semester : VI, 2025-2026

Duration: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 90

Important Instructions

- Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on the receipt of the question paper
- This question paper contains 2 parts. Both parts are compulsory.
- Candidates must answer ALL questions in Part A and ANY THREE questions in Part B.
- Questions in Part A carry 10 marks each and questions in Part B carry 20 marks each.

Part A (10 x 3 marks)

1. In the context of Research Methodology, explain what is meant by *practical criticism*. Give examples from your own research experience.

OR

Write a short note on the usefulness of an annotated bibliography. Give two examples of annotated bibliographic entries.

2. What do you understand by the term 'plagiarism' and why is it penalised in academic research?

OR

Write an essay on the difference between a bibliography and a works cited list.

3. Critically comment on the relevance of a review of literature for the purpose of academic research.

OR

Prepare a correctly formatted bibliography in MLA style for the following sources. Pay attention to punctuation, order of elements, and formatting conventions:

1. Author: Arundhati Roy
Title of Book: *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*
Publisher: Penguin Books
Year of Publication: 2017
Place of Publication: New Delhi.

2. Author: Ramachandra Guha
Title of Book: *India After Gandhi*
Publisher: HarperCollins
Year of Publication: 2007
Place of Publication: New Delhi

3. Author: Meenakshi Mukherjee
Title of Chapter: "The Anxiety of Indianness"
Title of Book: *The Perishable Empire*
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Year of Publication: 2000
4. Author: Amartya Sen
Title of Article: "The Argumentative Indian"
Journal Name: *The New York Review of Books*
Year of Publication: 2005
5. Website Author: Government of India
Title of Page: "National Education Policy 2020"
Website Name: Ministry of Education
URL: <https://www.education.gov.in/nep2020>
Date of Access: 10 March 2026

Part B (20 x 3 marks)

4. Discuss how George Orwell's essay *Politics and the English Language* is important in the context of Research Methodology, particularly in promoting clarity, precision, and objectivity in academic writing.

OR

Discuss the concept of practical criticism and examine its relevance in Research Methodology. How does this approach help in developing analytical skills, ensuring objectivity, and strengthening independent interpretation in research? Illustrate your answer with suitable examples from your reading experience.

5. Discuss the process of selecting a research topic in the context of Research Methodology. Drawing on your own academic experiences, explain the factors that influenced your choice of topic, the challenges you faced in narrowing it down, and the strategies you used to ensure its relevance, feasibility, and originality.

OR

What are the various components of a well developed Research Proposal? Give examples from your own research proposal and refer to any one author from your syllabus.

6. In her book, Ilona Leki states that, "To begin with, we can think about academic writing as a process of thinking. It is a process where specific issues or problems are identified, and where specific questions relevant to the issues are raised" Elaborate upon this statement and justify your argument based on your experience of writing your research paper.

OR

Over-reliance on secondary sources in academic research negatively impacts the originality of the research. Do you agree or disagree? Give a reasoned answer using examples from your own research work.

7. Using a critical theory or critical methodology of your choice, discuss how it was useful to analyse primary texts used in your research paper.

OR

With the increasing presence of artificial intelligence, discuss the benefits as well as disadvantages of using it in academic research. Also, comment on the role of ethical engagement with artificial intelligence in academic research.