M. Phil (GEOGRAPHY)

SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS

There shall be two courses and one dissertation in the M.Phil. Course. The two courses will be in the first semester and the dissertation will be completed in the second semester. The normal duration of the course will be two semesters or one year. The maximum period allowed for the completion of the course including the dissertation will be two years from the date of admission. The scheme of examination and the detailed syllabi for the two courses will be as follows:

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UNIT-I

GEOGRAPHY/ GLOBALIZATION

- Geography and Globalization
- Geography in Globalization
- Geography of Globalization
- Geography for and against Globalization

UNIT-II

POSTMODERN GEOGRAPHIES

- Posts- and turns
- Postmodernism
- Post-structuralism: power, language, texts and discourse
- Post-colonialism: decolonising human geography?
- Conclusions

UNIT-III

APPLIED GEOGRAPHY AND THE RELEVANCE DEBATE

- Disenchantment and disillusion in academic geography
- Relevance, to what and for whom?
- The liberal contribution
- Inequality, Justice and ethics
- Environmentalism
- Geographers and policy
- Changing contexts and applied geography
- Continuing debates
- Conclusions

UNIT-IV

A CHANGING DISCIPLINE

- Human geographers and models of disciplinary progress
- Geography and its environment
- The current context
- Human geography: paradigms, or research programmes, or? 
- An abundance of turbulence
- And the future

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Pass marks will be 50% of the maximum marks.

Books Recommended

UNIT-I

Introduction to Research Methods
- Meaning of Research
- Types of Research
- Objectives of Research
- Research Approaches
- Research methods and Methodology
- Scientific Methods and Scientific Research
- Bias and Prejudice in Scientific Research
- Research Process

UNIT-II

Research problem and Research Design
- Defining and selecting a research problem
- Techniques involved in defining A Problem
- Questions to ask about the problem
- Research Proposal
- Research Design: Meaning, Need and Importance
- Census and sample survey
- Procedures for sampling

UNIT-III

Data Collection and Hypotheses
- Meaning of Data and types of Data
- Different Methods for the collection of Primary Data: Observation, Personal interview, Telephone interview, Mail survey, schedule and questionnaires etc.
- Secondary Data: Internal and external sources
- Data classification and presentation of data: Frequency Distribution and Graphic Representation.
- Hypothesis: Development and Structure
- Methods of Hypothesis Formulation
- Basic concept of Hypothesis Testing

UNIT-IV

Report Writing and presentation
- Organizing the Writing
- What is a Scientific Paper
- How to prepare the Title
- How to list the Authors and Addresses
- How to prepare the Abstract
- How to write the Introduction
- How to write the Discussion
- How to cite the References
- How to write a Thesis
- Report Format

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