



**ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR**

Rinchen Shah Centre for West Himalayan Cultures

Ph.D. Programme (Area Studies)

PhD Admissions 2018

Time Duration- Two Hours Maximum Marks: 80

Part-I: 40 Multiple Choice Questions 40x1= 40

Part-II: 40 Multiple Choice Questions 40x1= 40

Syllabus

Part-I: Socio-Cultural and Political History of Jammu and Kashmir

1. Maharaja Gulab Singh and his successor
 - . Socio-cultural history
 - . Political and economic conditions
 - . Administrative reforms
 - . British interest in Kashmir
2. Independence and after
 - . Socio-cultural and Political history
 - . Partition
 - . Accession of the State to India

3. Economy and Historical Trade.
 - . Trade linkages of J&K with various regions/countries
 - . Trade routes
 - . Articles of Trade
4. Indigenous Folk, arts and crafts of J&K.
 - . Racial/ethnic distributions.
 - . Linguistic classification.
5. Name of historical monuments/heritages, places of J&K

Part-II: Research Methodology

1. Social Science Research
 - Meaning, objectives and various types of research,
2. Research Design
 - Conceiving research idea, identification of broad area of research ;
 - Review of literature, conceptual framework, selection of research problem
 - Citing references and issues of plagiarism
 - Defining research problem and significance of research problem
 - Formulation of research objectives and hypothesis
 - Variables, attributes; types and dimensions
 - Meaning and importance of sampling
 - Probability and non-probability sampling types
 - Bias and error in sampling
3. Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis Techniques
 - Meaning and History of qualitative research

- Rapport establishment and taking consent during data collection; techniques and Importance
- Defining the field, participant observation; advantages and challenges
- Ethnography as a qualitative exploratory research
- Life history and oral history
- Interviewing; semi-structured, structured and unstructured interviews
 - Getting started, asking questions and probing during interviewing; skills and challenges
- Qualitative data analysis, general principles and approaches of data reduction, data display and drawing inferences
- Use of computers in qualitative data collection and analysis

4. Quantitative Data Collection and Analysis Techniques

- Planning a survey research; survey kit, design and issues
- Types of survey; advantages and disadvantages
- Construction of questionnaires
- Levels of measurement, issues of reliability and validity,
- Quantitative data analysis: Presenting results/ interpretations and drawing inferences
- Use of computers in quantitative data collection and analysis
- Statistics in social research : frequency distribution, graphs, charts, histograms
- Measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode

5. Ethics and Social Science Research,

6. Citation styles: APA and Chicago