# Research Entrance Test
# Syllabus - 2015-16
# Research Methodology*

**[100 Marks]**

**1. Nature and Purpose of Research:** Meaning and Objectives of Research - Importance of socio legal research - Epistemological and Ontological approach to research - Social and Legal research strategies.

**2. Quantitative Research:** Nature of quantitative research, Sampling, Method of data collection, Methods for the collection of statutory and case materials, Use of comparative and historical research materials, Case study, Structured observation, Self completion questionnaire, Content analysis, Scaling techniques, Jurimetrics, Quantitative data analysis.

Primary and Secondary Sources.

**3. Qualitative Research:** Nature of qualitative research, Ethnography and participant observation in research, Interview in qualitative research, Projective techniques, Documents as source of data: personal diaries, letters, autobiographies, official documents, and mass media.

Interpreting documents: hermeneutics, qualitative content analysis and semiotics.

Qualitative data analysis. Integrating qualitative/ quantitative research

**4. Research Strategies:** Legislative materials including subordinate legislation, notification and policy statements. Decisional material including foreign decisions; methods of discovering the "rule of the case" tracing the history of important cases and ensuring that these have not been overruled; Juristic writings, survey of juristic literature relevant to select problems in India and foreign. Compilation of list of reports or special studies conducted relevant to the problem.

**5. Finding Material in a Library:** Books, Journals, Reports Legislations, Index to Periodicals, Digest of Cases, Other Materials and Sources.

**6. Selection of the Research Topic:** Basic Considerations in Selection of Topic, Factors Affecting Topic Selection, Methods of narrowing a Topic into a Research Question.

**7. Research Design:** Components of a Research Design, Hypothesis/ Researchable Question, Literature Review, Methodology.

**8. Computer-Assisted Research**: Using the Internet as a Research Tool, using the internet as object and method. A study of legal research programmes such as Lexis, West law Manupatra etc.

**9. Writing of Research Report : Mode of Citation and Bibliography:** Author-date System, Footnote and Endnote System, Citing for the First Time, Subsequent citing, List of Abbreviations Used in Citation, Bibliographical Entries, The Blue book - A Uniform System of Citation.

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