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(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)  
MANGALURU 575003 - INDIA

**SYLLABUS FOR PHD ENTRANCE EXAM**  
**JANUARY – 2025**

**DEPARTMENT: PSYCHOLOGY**

**Part A**

**Research Methodology**

Unit 1 Meaning of research, research methods, and research process

Unit 2 Research problem selection, Research Design

Unit 3 Parametric & Non-Parametric Statistics

Unit 4 Qualitative Research

Unit 5 Research Proposal

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Creswell, J. W., & Creswell, J. D. (2018). Research design: Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches (5th ed.). SAGE Publications.
2. Leedy, P. D., & Ormrod, J. E. (2020). Practical research: Planning and design (12th ed.). Pearson.
3. Gravetter, F. J., & Wallnau, L. B. (2017). Statistics for the behavioral sciences (10th ed.). Cengage Learning.
4. Denzin, N. K., & Lincoln, Y. S. (Eds.). (2018). The SAGE handbook of qualitative research (5th ed.). SAGE Publications.
5. Punch, K. F. (2006). Developing effective research proposals (2nd ed.). SAGE Publications.

## **Part B**

### **Subject-specific**

#### **Unit 1, 2, 3, 4 are compulsory. Rest of the units are based on specialisation**

Unit 1 Attention, perception, Learning, Memory, Emotions, Motivation, Thinking, intelligence, creativity, Personality

Unit 2 Psychological Testing & Assessment

Unit 3 Social psychology

Unit 4 Biological basis of behaviour

Unit 5 Life span development

Unit 6 Psychopathology

Unit 7 Health Psychology

Unit 8 I/O Psychology

Unit 9 Positive Psychology

#### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Baron, R. A., Branscombe, N. R., & Byrne, D. (2016). Social psychology (14th ed.). Pearson.
2. Kalat, J. W. (2019). Biological psychology (13th ed.). Cengage Learning.
3. Ciccarelli, S. K., & White, J. N. (2017). Psychology (5th ed.). Pearson.
4. Gregory, R. J. (2019). Psychological testing: History, principles, and applications (8th ed.). Pearson.
5. Santrock, J. W. (2020). Life-span development (18th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education.
6. Nevid, J. S. (2020). Essentials of abnormal psychology (8th ed.). Cengage Learning.
7. Taylor, S. E. (2017). Health psychology (10th ed.). McGraw-Hill Education.
8. Snyder, C. R., Lopez, S. J., & Pedrotti, J. T. (2018). Positive psychology: The scientific and practical explorations of human strengths (4th ed.). SAGE Publications.