Paper - I: Research Methodology (4 Units)

UNIT-I: Research Problem and Design

- 1. Introduction to Research Methodology: Meaning of Research, Objectives of Research, Motivations in Research, types of Research, Research Approaches, Significance of Research, Research Methods v/s Methodology, Research and Scientific Methods, Research Process, Criteria of Good Research.
- 2. Defining the Research Problem: Concept and need, Identification of Research problem, defining and delimiting Research problem.
- 3. Research Questions and Hypothesis: Variables, Research question, characteristics of good Hypothesis and formulation of hypotheses-directional and non-directional hypotheses. Basis for hypotheses.
- 4. Research design: Meaning, Need, Features of Good Design, Concept, Types. Basic principles of Experimental Design, various methods of Research: Survey, Philosophical, Historical, Experimental, Causal, Comparative, Genetic and Case Studies.

UNIT-II: Literature Searching and Report Writing

- 1. Tools for Data Collection: Collection of Primary Data, Collection of Data through questionnaires and Surveys, Observation, Interview Methods.
- 2. Collection of Secondary Data. Selection of appropriate method for data collection, Reliability and validity of Research tools.
- 3. Writing Research Report: Format and style, Review of related literature and its implications at various stages of research. (Formulation of research problem, hypothesis, interpretation and discussion of results).
- 4. Major findings, Conclusions. Citation of References and Bibliography.

UNIT-III: Statistical analysis & Bioinformatics

- 1. Statistical analysis: descriptive statistics and inferential statistics.
- 2. Chi-Square Test, T-Test. Standard deviation, Coefficient of variation. Correlation.
- 3. Bioinformatics: Types of databases; Search tools: BLAST and FASTA. Sequence analysis of biological data. Major Bioinformatics resources (NCBI, EBI, ExPASy).
- 4. Phylogenetic analysis: Concept of phylogenetic trees and multiple sequence alignment methods; Protein structure prediction, Proteomics and Genomics; EMBOSS.

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UNIT-IV: Analytical Techniques

- 1. Spectroscopy: Principle of spectroscopy: Laws governing light absorption (Beer-Lambert's Law). Principles and biological applications of UV and visible spectroscopy, Flame photometry, Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry. Basic principles and applications of X-ray diffraction, Fluorescence, IR, NMR and Mass spectroscopy.
- 2. Separation techniques: Principles and biological applications various Chromatography techniques, Electrophoresis methods, Centrifugation techniques.
- 3. Microscopy: Principles and applications of Light and Phase Contrast, Fluorescent, Scanning and Transmission Electron Microscopy.
- 4. Flow cytometry principle and its applications.

Reference Books:

- a) Best and Kahn, Research Methodology, PHI Limited.
- b) Kothari, C.R. Research Methodology (Methods and Techniques), New Age Publisher.
- c) Kerlinger, Foundation of Research.
- d) Fundamentals of modern statistical methods by R. wilcox.
- e) Power Analysis for Experimental research A Practical Guide for the Biological, Medical and social Sciences by R. Barker Bausell, Yi-Fang Li Cambridge University Press.
- f) Design of Experience: Statistical Principles of Research Design and Analysis, by Robert O. Kuehl Brooks/cole.

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PAPER -II: CELL, IMMUNOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (Broad field of specialization)

UNIT-I

- 1. Cell cycle and its Regulation; Biomembranes: Structure and functions, Membrane transport.
- 2. General concept of signal transduction mechanisms: Protein Kinases and Second messengers.
- 3. Receptors and mechanism of action of Hormones. Molecular physiology and Muscle contraction and Neurotransmission.

UNIT-II

- 1. Immunology: Classification of Immunoglobulins, Immunity, Humoral and Cell mediated Immunity.
- 2. Immunological memory, Adjuvants, Lymphokines, T cell receptors.
- 3. Hypersensitivity, HLA, Autoimmunity, Complement system, Antibody diversity.

UNIT-III

- 1. DNA Replication, DNA damage and Repair.
- 2. Mechanism of Transcription and Translation in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes.
- 3. Viruses: RNA & DNA viruses, life cycle of T-even phages, TMV, ØX174, SV40 and Retroviruses.

UNIT-IV

- Regulation of Gene Expression: Operon concept, Lytic cascade and lysogenic repression.
 DNA Methylation, Heterochromatin, Antisense RNA, post transcriptional and post translational modification, Molecular Chaperones. Protein targeting, Signal hypothesis.
- 2. Oncogenes and molecular basis of Cancer. Tumor suppressor genes, Apoptosis and its regulation.

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Members in the Board of Studies committee:

1. Dr.M. Thirumala, chairperson, BOS	-	present
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4. Dr.K. Madhuri, Member, BOS	***	present
5. Dr.K. Premsagar, Member, BOS		present
6. Dr.S. Kalyani, Member, BOS	***	present
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Agenda:

MGU (Nalgonda), Board of Studies members' suggestions taken through e-mail (due to time constraint) from 30th November, 2022 to 3rd December, 2022 to modify and approve the Biochemistry Pre-Ph.D. syllabus with effect from the 2022-23A.Y.

The following resolutions were made:

- 1. Changes suggested and inputs given by the members of the BOS committee have been incorporated in the syllabus of the earlier approved Biochemistry Pre-Ph.D. syllabus (w.e.f. A.Y. 2017-18) and this ratified syllabus has been approved w.e.f. Academic Year 2022-23. The title and contents of Paper-1 have been changed; title has been changed to Research Methodology as per MGU, Ph.D. rules and regulations and accordingly contents were also changed by taking suggestions of the committee members.
- 2. In Paper-II, Bioinformatics topics of syllabus w.e.f. A.Y. 2017-18 were shifted to paper-I, in present ratified syllabus with little modifications.

The chairman, BOS thanked all the members for making it convenient to suggest the changes.

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