

GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
GANDHINAGAR
 Course: **Research Methodology and Legal Writing**
Semester-I (Batch: 2015-16)

LL.M. End Semester Examination: Oct-Nov. 2015

Date: 2nd November, 2015

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

Instructions:

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write any thing on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

Part-I	Marks
Q.1 “The key to success in researching legal issues is realizing that research is a process. You cannot memorize a million cases, and you are not looking for a needle in a haystack. But you can master the overall process of research. Once you have mastered that process, you will be confident”. Discuss the steps which are required for legal analysis and legal research.	(10)
Q.2 There is a dearth of theoretical literature on the nature of legal scholarship and a consequent lack of awareness about what legal scholars actually do. Although there is a tradition of theoretical scholarship (or ‘jurisprudence’) within the law, this tends to address abstract philosophical questions about the nature of law itself. Discuss the different Legal research Styles.	(10)
Q.3 The 2015 observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a special one, as it comes on the heels of the adoption of transforming our world: the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. The agenda, which succeeds the millennium Development Goals, contains 17 new and ambitious goals – foremost among them, to “end poverty in all its forms everywhere”. Poverty eradication remains at the core of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the development of the new Sustainable Development Goals. From the above mentioned facts identify the Issues in fact & Issues in Law and suggest two research titles (<i>one in doctrinal and another empirical</i>) on which research work can be conducted.	(10)
Q.4 Answer the following. Elucidate the importance of Academic Research for courts and tribunals. Give your opinion on this topic.	(05)

Part-II

- Q.5 Answer **any two** of the following: (2x10=20)
- (a) Define Research. Discuss the various types of research, while highlighting the need and purpose of research

- (b) What are the methods of sampling? Discuss in detail the various types of sampling with examples.
- (c) What is the purpose of the methodology/ research design? Discuss the steps involved in a research design.

- Q.6 Answer **any two** of the following: (2x5= 10)
- (a) Discuss the main features of a questionnaire. What is an indicator of the effectiveness of a questionnaire to collect data?
 - (b) Discuss the sources of research problem.
 - (c) Research Methods Versus Methodology

- Q.7 Answer the questions: (05)
- As part of your study you are required to conduct a survey in the district of Gandhinagar. Gandhinagar constitutes 15 villages. You are required to interview 300 respondents. The objective of your study is to map the views/opinion for making Gandhinagar a smart city (Gandhinagar district has a population with various castes, religions and geographical differences).
- Discuss with reason the sampling method you would adopt for the above survey.
