

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY  
GANDHINAGAR**

**Course: Research Methods and Legal Writing  
Semester- I (Batch: 2024-25)**

**End Semester Examination: October 2024 (LL.M)**

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2024

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 50

**Instructions:**

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

**Part: A****Marks**

(Answer any four of the following)

- Q.1 On given below factual background, draft an abstract [associated with contemporary issue] in 200-250 words including key-words for your research paper to publish in a GNLU journal. (10)
- "The term 'democratic' is used in the Preamble in the broader sense embracing not only political democracy but also social and economic democracy. We have adopted parliamentary democracy to ensure a responsible and stable Government which derives its authority from the people and remains accountable to the people at all times. The people of India elect their governments at different levels (Union, State and local) by a system of universal adult franchise, with elections being held periodically to ensure the approval of the people to the governments. All the citizens, without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, colour, sex, religion or education, are allowed freedom of speech, thought, expression and association. Democracy contributes to stability in society and it secures peaceful change of governments. It also allows dissent and encourages tolerance and stands for a Constitutional government, Rule of Law, inalienable rights of citizens, independence of the Judiciary, free and fair elections and freedom of the Press. To develop a democratic culture has always been an important objective and commitment under our Constitution. Republic: Our country ceased to be a Dominion and declared itself a 'Republic' since the making of the Constitution. The word 'Republic' implies that the Head of the State in India shall be an elected person and shall hold office for a fixed term. The President of India is the chief executive head of the country. A republic also means two more things: one, vesting of political sovereignty in the people and not in a single individual like a king; second, the absence of any privileged class and hence all public offices being opened to every citizen without any discrimination."
- Q.2 Select an area of interest for an empirical study. You may choose a topic that you have considered for your dissertation or explored during internal continuous evaluation. Create a comprehensive research plan that addresses the following points. (10)
- a) Briefly describe the area of your study and its relevance.
  - b) Highlight two scholarly articles you have referred to in your study and explain how these articles contributed to shaping your research approach or understanding of the subject matter. Identify a research gap in the area that your study intends to address.

- c) Frame three research objectives, corresponding research questions and two hypotheses.
- Q.3 Briefly discuss the importance of a literature review. What are the methods that can be adopted in organising a literature review? (10)
- Q.4 Define Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed research methods. Highlight the key differences among them in terms of objectives, data collection techniques, and analysis methods. Provide an example as to when each method would be appropriate in legal research. (10)
- Q.5 You have been assigned a study by the Department of Health and Family Welfare on "The Adoption of Green Practices in Hospitals Across Gujarat," focusing on areas such as waste management, energy efficiency, and water conservation. (10)
- Describe the universe of your study, identifying the key stakeholders involved. Explain the sampling techniques you plan to implement for selecting your sample, and provide a justification for choosing those particular techniques.
  - Discuss the data collection tools and techniques you will employ to gather information from the identified stakeholders. Provide reasons why these methods are appropriate for studying the adoption of green practices in hospitals.

**Part: B**

(Answer any two of the following)

- Q.6 What key considerations should be kept in mind when drafting a survey questionnaire? (5)
- Q.7 Identify the 'level of measurement' from the given questionnaire: (5)
- What is the nature of crime committed? \_\_\_\_\_  
1) Homicide 2) Assault 3) Kidnapping 4) Domestic violence
  - How many crimes were committed? \_\_\_\_\_ Respondents Answer is 15
  - What was your weight before your arrested? \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent Answer is 75.5 kg
  - On average, how many crimes you have committed in last five years? (Please check one) \_\_\_\_\_  
1) No Crime 2) 1 to 3 3) 4 - 6 4) Above 7
  - Consider your stress level on an average day in prison. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being "very low" and 5 being "very high"), rate your typical stress level. (Please circle one): \_\_\_\_\_  
1) Very low 2) Low 3) Average 4) High 5) Very High
- Q.8 You are a supervisor cum head in a research department of a University. Your major work is to evaluate the research report submitted by the researchers to the University and offer an appropriate guidance to improve, if necessary. When a research report is being submitted to your office, how do you evaluate? Refer objective criteria and draft a check-list to justify your assessment. (5)
- Q.9 Suppose the correlation between the crime rate in a city and the number of legal aid centers established over the last five years is found to be  $r = -0.65$ . (5)
- What is the correlation test in research?
  - Interpret the strength and direction of this correlation.
  - Explain what legal researchers can infer from this result.
  - Explain why correlation alone is insufficient for establishing causal relationships in legal studies.

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