S.N.D.T. WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, MUMBAI – 20

PhD. Entrance Examination (PET)

Social Work

Course Title: Research Methodology Marks: 50

Unit	Title of the unit	Content
I	Social work	Scientific Enquiry
	Research	 Positivist conception of science.
		 Meaning and nature of social research.
		 Science and scientific method: Their characteristics.
		 Steps in social research.
		 Ethical issues in social research: Debate on subjectivity and
		objectivity.
		 Value neutrality in research.
		 Selection and formulation of a research problem.
		 Hypotheses: Types, Sources and characteristics.
II	Research designs:	Exploratory
	Merits, Demerits	 Descriptive
	and limitations	 Diagnostic
		Experimental
		■ Ex. Post – Facto
III	Methods of	Social survey method
	Research and	Case study method
	Evaluation	Content analysis method
		Historical method
		Experimental method: Types, Planning of experiment and
		social experiment.
		 Anthropological method: Participant observation and the field
		work.
		Comparative method
		Action research
		Evaluation research
		 Meaning Scope and Concept of Evaluation in Social Work
		 Types of Evaluation in Social Work-Internal Concurrent, final
		evaluation, Test etc.
		Evaluation Strategies in Social Work
		■ Impact Studies
IV	Sampling Methods	 Sampling frames and samples
		 Probability samples - simple random, systematic, stratified,

		multistage, cluster.
		 Non- Probability samples – convenience, purposive, quota and
		snow ball.
		 Use of sampling in sociological research.
V	Techniques of data	Primary
	collection	Techniques: observation, interview, questionnaire, schedule.
		 Secondary techniques: Public documents, Private papers,
		Office records, Census, NSS, News papers, literary sources,
		Archival material.
		Projective techniques.
		 Scaling techniques: Likert, Thurston, Bogardus.
VI	Analysis and	 Quantitative and qualitative
	Interpretation of	 Classification.
	Data	Coding.
		■ Tabulation.
		Inferences.
		Interpretation.
		 Computer Application in Social Research and data analysis.
VII	Elementary	 Measures of central tendency (Mean, Median, Mode)
	Statistics for Social	 Measures of variations (Standard Deviation, Range)
	Research	 Measures of association (Lambda, Yulls Q, Goodman and
		Krukal's Gamma Y, Pearson's R, Chi square test X2)
VIII	Report Writing	Scientific report.
		Short report for planners.
		Articles from the study.
		 Graphic presentations and other techniques.
		 Reference citation, footnotes, bibliography.
