

**Ph. D. IN INTERDISCIPLINARY
AND TRANS-DISCIPLINARY
STUDIES (PHDITS)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2025

**RITS-002 : RESEARCH METHODS AND
TECHNIQUES**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Attempt any **five** questions.

(ii) All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the epistemological foundations of Qualitative and Quantitative Research. 20
2. What is Research Design ? Examine the various type of research designs that can be used in carrying out research in interdisciplinary and trans-disciplinary studies. 20
3. What are the data sources and methods in historical research ? 20

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4. Discuss the advantages and limitations of the survey method of data collection with suitable examples. 20
5. What is sampling ? Discuss various types of sampling strategies used in research. 20
6. Discuss ethnography as a research method. 20
7. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 10+10
 - (a) Focus group discussion
 - (b) The importance of review of literature
 - (c) Content analysis
 - (d) Framing research objectives and research questions

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