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Syllabus for Ph.D RET

The RET syllabus for the Dept. of English, University Gour Banga shall consist of two papers. The full marks of the RET Examination shall be hundred (100). The candidates shall be required to answer fifty (50) objective type questions (MCQ) carrying two marks each of which 25 each shall be set from each of the two papers.

PAPER- I: Research Methodology

Section 1: General Research Methodology and Computer Applications

- 1. Definition of Research Problem & Selection of Research Topic
- 2. Framing research questions and hypotheses determining the scope and objective of research
- 3. Designing research methods and surveying literature
- 4. Mechanics of Writing
- 5. Academic Integrity and Avoidance of Plagiarism
- 6. Identifying and accessing the data sources
- 7. Preparation of Research Article, and Dissertation/ Thesis (typing, formatting, and proofreading)
- 8. Citation and Documentation (Bibliography and Index)
- 9. Use of the Computer
- 10. Use of the Internet

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Section II: Subject Oriented Research Methodology

- 1. Research Methods for English Studies
- 2. Archival Methods
- 3. Auto/biographical Methods
- 4. Oral History
- 5. Visual Methodologies
- 6. Textual Analysis and Discourse Analysis
- 7. The Uses of Ethnographic Methods in English Studies
- 8. Numbers and Words: Quantitative Methods for Scholars of Texts
- 9. Interviewing
- 10. ICT as a Research Method

PAPER II: Foundations of English

Section I: Literary criticism and Theory: From Plato to Present

Section II: English Literature from Medieval period to the Post-war

Section III: American Literature

Section IV: New Literatures in English

Section V: World Literatures in Translation

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