***Ph.D. 103 B: Subject Specific Course-I***

***Review of a Research Paper and a Thesis in discipline***

***Guidelines for Review of Research Paper/Review of Thesis***

A Researcher is required to go through minimum 2 and maximum 5 research papers/thesis on a topic related to his discipline. The marks allocated for 103 (B) will be as follow:

1. Review of research papers in the discipline: 25 marks
2. Review of thesis in the discipline: 25 marks

The researcher is required to follow the below-mentioned steps for writing the review of research papers/thesis:

1. **The first Question:** Why do we need a review paper in the area of your focus? How the topic is important/relevant for review. In your review paper, clarify the purpose of your review paper.
2. **Selection of an appropriate topic for your review paper:** Choose a specific topic within your field of study that is relevant and interesting. Narrow down your focus to ensure that your review paper is dealing with the relevant issue of your discipline.
3. **Literature review:** Do the literature review of the related papers of the topic of your choice in case of research paper. For thesis review, discuss the review of literature done in the thesis and review the related literature that exists on the same topic.
4. **Prepare the structure of the Review Paper:** Define the outline of the review paper you will be writing on the selected topic of your choice. Starting with introduction, key themes, major subtopics and main sources for the review paper.
5. **Write the introduction:** Your introduction section will clearly state the objective of your review and provide the overview of your topic and its importance.
6. **Main Body:** Divide the main body of your review paper into subtopics and in every section, discuss the major arguments followed by the summery of the main findings. Critically analyse and compare the related papers by highlighting major strengths and weakness of the papers. Find the existing gaps in each paper.
7. **Research methodology:** Provide a detailed description of the methods used to conduct the research of the review paper/thesis and the method used by you for the review of research paper/thesis.
8. **Analysis and interpretation of the papers:** Synthesize the information from different sources to identify patterns, trends, or conflicting viewpoints. Discuss the implications and significance of the findings and how they contribute to the existing body of knowledge. Discuss the limitations or shortcomings of the studies reviewed and suggest areas for further research. Support your analysis with evidence from the sources you have reviewed. Aim for a balanced presentation by acknowledging different perspectives.
9. **Conclusion:** Summarize your review paper's main findings and arguments. Emphasize the contributions of the reviewed literature to the field and restate the significance of your topic.
10. **Suggestions:** End with a thought-provoking statement or suggestion for future research.

A researcher is required to go through the research paper/thesis related to his discipline and write its review done in the following format:

1. Introduction
2. Literature review
3. Research methodology
4. Analysis and interpretation
5. Conclusion
6. Suggestion

Researcher is required to prepare a spiral binding of following:

1. Cover page
2. Review done
3. Copy of research paper studies for the review.

A researcher is required to prepare a spiral binding of the review of thesis made by him along with the cover page.

The review of research papers and review of thesis are required to be collected by the concerned conveners (BOS of related discipline) and must be deposited to the research cell along with the marks.

Marks of 103 (B) will be allotted by BoS/DRC of concerned subjects.

**(Specimen copy of cover page 103-B)**

Title of the review of Paper/Thesis

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Review of Paper/Thesis submitted for the Partial Fulfilment of Pre-Ph.D. Couse Work

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