

**MA in Women's and Gender Studies
(MAWGSR)**

ASSIGNMENT
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Course Code : MWG 005
Course Title : Research Methods
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Maximum Marks: 100

Question No. 1

Answer any four of the following questions in not more than 500 words each.

(4 × 10 = 40 Marks)

- a) Distinguish between quantitative and qualitative research, highlighting their major features and differences.
- b) Explain the concept of feminist epistemologies and discuss its significance in feminist research.
- c) Discuss the important ethical principles and practices that should be followed while conducting research.
- d) Explain the concept of “Sexism in research” with appropriate examples or with the help of some research studies.
- e) What is sampling? Explain the different types of sampling methods commonly used in social science research.

Question No. 2. Develop a research design on any of the relevant themes in the area of Women’s and Gender Studies. Your answer should not exceed 1500 words and should include the following components: **(60 marks)**

- i) Statement of the Problem – Clearly identify and explain the research problem
- ii) Review of Literature – Discuss relevant existing studies, concepts and scholarly works related to the chosen research topic.
- iii) Population and Sample – Describe the target population and explain the method and basis for selecting the sample.
- iv) Data Collection – Explain the methods, tools, sources and location through which the data will be collected.
- v) Data Analysis – Describe the proposed methods for interpreting the data
- vi) Significance and the Limitation of this Research Study