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MASTER OF ARTS IN SPANISH

(MASL)

Term-End Examination

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MSL-016 : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer any **five** of the following questions in about **250** words each. Students may write their answers in **Spanish** or **English**. All questions carry equal marks. Illustrate your answers with suitable examples and diagrams, wherever necessary. Write relevant question number before writing the answer.

1. What is understood by a research problem ?
Discuss possible research problems in the fields of Spanish literature *or* Latin American cultural studies, or translation studies.
2. Explain the role of statistics in research.
How might statistics be used in analyzing surveys on Spanish language learning in India *or* studies on Latin American cinema ?
3. What do you understand by data collection tools ? Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the interview method, with examples from fieldwork in Hispanic cultural *or* linguistic studies.
4. Distinguish between methods and methodologies in research. Illustrate your answer with examples from Hispanic literature and cultural studies research.
5. Discuss the importance of library and online resources. How have ICTs transformed

access to Spanish-language primary texts, archives and secondary scholarship ?

6. What is meant by sampling ? Explain different sampling methods, giving examples from quantitative research on Spanish language acquisition.
7. Describe the steps involved in preparing a research proposal. Frame your answer with reference to a project in Spanish or Latin American Studies (e.g., a dissertation on Cervantes or García Márquez).
8. What is understood by qualitative research ? Discuss different sources of qualitative data with examples from Hispanic literature, oral history, *or* cultural analysis.

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