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**Syllabus for Ph. D. Entrance Test for Session 2024-25**  
**Section-A**  
**(Research Methodology)**

Meaning of Research and contemporary trends in Legal Research  
Types of Legal Research, The case study method  
Doctrinal, Non Doctrinal, Descriptive, Analytical Research  
Hypothesis - its nature and role  
Reviewing of Literature  
Interview Technique - Demerits and Merits  
Questionnaire and its Characteristics, Advantages and Disadvantages  
Use of a Law Library :  
Role of Law Commission and higher judiciary in Law Reforms  
Socio-Legal Research in India - Hurdles and Pitfalls  
Plagiarism as an offence in research.

**Section-B**  
**(Subject)**

**Jurisprudence**

Nature and Sources of Law  
Positivism, Natural Law Theory, Sociological Jurisprudence  
Rights and Duties

**Constitutional Law**

Preamble  
Fundamental Rights and Duties  
Judiciary  
Emergency Provisions  
Amendment of the Constitution  
Writ Jurisdiction

## **Indian Penal Code**

General Exceptions

Common Intention and Common Object

Criminal Attempt, Conspiracy and Abetment

## **Code of Criminal Procedure**

Investigation

Charge

## **Evidence**

Relevancy of Facts

Admission and Confession

## **Hindu Law**

Marriage

Matrimonial Remedies

Adoption and Guardianship

## **Muslim Law**

Marriage

## **Interpretation of Statutes**

### **General Principles of Statutory Interpretation:**

Primary of Literal Rule of Interpretation

Mischief Rule of Interpretation

Golden Rule of Interpretation

Harmonious Rule of Interpretation

Beneficial Construction

Internal and External Aids to Interpretation of Statutes