

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDYALAYA, BILAPUR (C.G.)**

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**Ph.D. Entrance Test Syllabus (VRET)**

**Section – A Research Methodology**

**Unit – 1 Methods and Types of Research:**

Type in Research: Inductive, Deductive, Qualitative, Quantitative etc.,  
Methods: Historical, Experimental, Survey, Sampling etc.

**Unit – 2 Historical Research:**

Scope of Historical Research, Problem and Objective, Sources, Tools of Collecting data,  
Historical Criticism: Internal and External Criticism, Positive and Negative Criticism,  
Evaluation of Historical Research.

**Unit – 3 Material Collection and Analysis:**

Tools of Collecting Data: Schedule, Questionnaires, Interview, Observation, Secondary  
Data, Biography, Individual Diaries, Personal Letters, Memoires etc.

**Unit – 4 Mode of Historical Analysis:**

Difference Approaches, Empiricism, Structuralism, Functionalism, Historical  
Materialism – Discourse, Analysis – New Historicism; Qualitative and Quantitative  
Analysis.

**Unit – 5 Interpretation and Writing in Research:**

Techniques of Interpretation, Significance of Interpretation, Report Writing, Types of  
Report, Different Steps in Writing Report, Bibliography, Footnotes, References,  
Significance of a Report.

## **Section – B History**

### **Unit – 1 Ancient Indian History:**

Pre-Historic Culture, Indus Civilization, Vedic Culture, Mauryan Age, Gupta Empire, Buddhism and Jainism, Harsha and Rajput dynasties.

### **Unit – 2 Medieval Indian History:**

Advent of Islam, Sultanate and Mughal Empire, Society, Economy, Polity and Administration during Medieval Period, Art and Architecture during Mughals, Indo-Islamic Culture, Bhakti and Sufi Movements.

### **Unit – 3 Modern Indian History:**

European Penetration in India, Colonial Economy, Development of Education and Press, Social Reform Movements, Agrarian Development, Constitutional Developments during British Period, Nationalism and Indian National Movement, Moderates and Extremists, Emergence of Gandhiji, Partition Planning in India, Salient features of Indian Constitution.

### **Unit – 4 History of Modern World:**

Renaissance, Reformation and Counter Reformation, Industrial Revolution, Glorious Revolution of 1688, Louis XIV: Domestic and Foreign Policy, American War of Independence, French Revolution 1789, Napoleon Bonaparte, Chartist Movement, Freedom Struggle of Greece, Crimean War, Unification of Italy and Germany, First World War, Second World War.

### **Unit – 5 History of Chhattisgarh:**

Brief Early History of Chhattisgarh (1741-1853); Uprising of 1857 and Impact in Chhattisgarh, National Awakening, Swarajist Movement, Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, Individual Satyagraha, Quit India Movement of Chhattisgarh, Administrative Changes of Chhattisgarh (1861-1905).