Paper –101 Advanced Experimental Psychology (Theory)

1. Main Objectives:

• This course aims to Familiarize students with experimental method s and various designs of experiments.

2. The Scheme of question paper:

- 1. The paper will consist four units:
- 2. Each Unit Should be given equal weightage in examination
- 3. Total Marks are: 100.

70: External Examination

30: Internal evaluation

(Duration of examination: 3 hour s)

Unit-1Experimentation in Psy. Research, Control of Relevant Variables

Concept of Experimental Psychology

Psychological Research

Psychology and the concept of Variables

Three types of control techniques

Three classes of Relevant variables

Control of subject Relevant variable

Control of Situation Relevant variable

Control of sequence Relevant variable

Unit-2 Current and Future Trends in Experimental Psychology:

Alternations to scientific Methodology Postmodernism

The Historical Development of Scientific Methodology.

Justifying Scientific method.

Implications of a Naturalistic Approach Methodology.

<u>Unit-3</u> <u>Classical Psychophysics and Operant Conditioning:</u>

Basic concepts of Psychophysics

The methods of Limits

The Methods of constant stimuli

The method of average error.

The Just noticeable difference and Weber's law.

Some Important features of operant conditioning

Control concepts in operant conditioning.

Schedules of Reinforcement

<u>Unit-4</u> <u>Verbal Learning, Retention and Forgetting, Factorial Design</u>

Introduction, The subjects, The materials, The Tasks Some basic determinants of verbal learning

Organizational Process in verbal learning

Retention and forgetting of verbal learning
The measurement of verbal learning
Theories of Forgative
Experimental Design with a single Independent variable
Quasi-Experimental Designs
Factorial Designs
Reasons for Selection a factorial designs

Books

1. M.R.D' amato (2006) : Experimental Psychology: Methodology

Psychophysics and Learning TMH Edition – Fifteenth Reprint (2006)

2. Stephen F Davis (2005) : Handbook of Research methods in

Experimental Psychology, Edited by Steephen F Davis, Blackwell publishing 35, Main Street Maldon, NA 02148 -

5020 U.S.A.

3. Barry and Morton (1985) : Experimental methods in psychology,

Mc Graw Hill

4. Broota K.D.(1992) : Experimental Designs in Behavioural

research New Delhi, Wiley Estern

5. Robert L. Solso (2002)

M. Kimberly Maclin : Experimental Psychology, Pearson

Education P.Ltd. Indian Branch

6. Prof. C.B. Dave

and others (1998) : Experimental Psychology Theory and

Statistics Viral Prakashan – A'bad