



HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY SHIMLA

Ph.D. Course Work Examinations

Subject: Research and Publication Ethics

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12th November, 2020

Time: 2hrs and 30minutes (Writing Examination- 10:30 am -01:00 pm; Scanning & Uploading Answer-sheets–
01:00 pm – 01:30 pm)

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

The Question Paper has two Sections. Attempt any four questions from Section-A. Each question in Section-A carries five marks. Attempt any two questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries fifteen marks.

SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)**(5x4=20 Marks)**

- Q. 1 A.** “Plagiarism is now becoming a serious misconduct prevailing in the field of research”. Do you agree with this statement? Recommend ways to avoid Plagiarism?
- B.** How the impact factor of a journal is computed? Give examples in support of your answer.
- C.** Critically examine the various types of scientific misconducts commonly encountered in research with appropriate examples.
- D.** Identify the reasons for mushrooming of predatory journals. What are your suggestions to eliminate such journals?
- E.** i) Is self-citation against the research ethics? Give your views with appropriate illustrations?
- ii) Is it a good practice for an Editor-in-Chief to publish their own article in the journal? Express your views

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)**(15x2= 30Marks)**

- Q.2** What are the overriding principles behind research ethics? Critically examine the need and importance of ensuring ethics in research in a developing country like India.
- Q.3** What, according to you constitutes publication misconduct? Identify the major reasons for researchers resorting to unethical practices in publication? Give suitable recommendations to eliminate such misconduct.

- Q.4** a) Highlight the purposes of using citation databases in research. What factors should be kept in mind while selecting the citation databases. Give illustrations in support of your answer.
- b) What are the advantages of using various online journal finder tools? Highlight with illustrations, important considerations while selecting journals for publication of your research work.