

Book Review

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In Pakistan there is a dire need of research books in Urdu language. At college and university level majority of students belong to Urdu medium but majority of research books available in Pakistan are in English, therefore it is quite difficult for students to understand basic research concepts, theories and methodologies. The book Usool-e-Tehqeeq is written by Dr. Nasreen Aslam Shah Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Director Centre of Excellence for Women's Studies and Meritorious Professor Department of Social Work, University of Karachi. Keeping in mind the issues of students as mention above Dr. Nasreen wrote this book in easy Urdu language specially research terminologies.

The book starts with an introduction of the research along with history, concepts and objectives of the research. This chapter also discuss in detail importance and status of research in social sciences. It also discusses types of research in detail including sources of research. The author presented different theories of research, characteristics and design. Important theories like Grounded theory, Theory of Knowledge, Empiricism and Conflict Theory.

The question arises here that how to start the research so Dr. Nasreen very interestingly wrote the method of initiating the research and sampling, types and advantages and disadvantages of sampling. The chapter explain sampling techniques with easy examples and graphs. Ethnography is a very interesting topic of research. Dr. Nasreen gives detail description of Ethnography, theories of Ethnography and most importantly discusses the role of researcher in Ethnographic research. In this book Case study method, Evaluation Research, Time Dimension Research, Cohort Analysis. The book also explains how to use observation method in research and types of observation, methods of field observation, hypothesis and variables.

The primary tools of data collection including questionnaire, types of questionnaire, schedule were defined rationally in the book. Important methods of data collection were also elaborated in the chapter including survey and interview. Secondary tools of data collection which included source list, content analysis, explain briefly but in a comprehensive way. Action research elaborated in detail in twelve chapter. The most important chapter which needs to address more by other researchers, writers and educationists is Feminist Research. In Urdu language feminist research methods were discussed rarely. Dr. Nasreen writes feminist ideology, very deeply analyze current situation and Social and Political System. Numerous methods of feminist research were written in an easy way in the thirteenth chapter for understanding of students. The book defines how to use statistics in research and fourteenth chapter explains referencing method and how to write a thesis.

This book is very helpful for BS, Masters and M.Phil and Ph.D students. The book also discusses topics such as grounded theory, feminist research, discourse analysis and postmodern research which discussed rarely in Urdu language. The research book is a good addition in Urdu research books.

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